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Argentina's new president-elect, Raul Alfonsín (centre) is surrounded as he sits down for his first news conference in Buenos Aires early yesterday. (Story below) (UPI telephoto)

PUBLIC BARRED FROM BUYING FOREIGN CASH

Jerusalem Post Staff

The government last night banned the purchase of foreign currency — either in cash or in travellers cheques — by Israelis for use in Israel. The ban went into effect at midnight last night.

Israelis may purchase up to \$3,000 to be used for travel abroad or for the purchase of goods and services abroad.

The decision was taken last night and was announced by Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad on television just before midnight. Cohen-Orgad said that it had been under discussion in the Treasury for some days.

Patam accounts (foreign currency accounts for local residents) will not be affected by the ban. Cohen-Orgad said. The government is in fact interested in encouraging such accounts as dollar-linked savings and the interest rates on Patam accounts are likely to rise, he said.

Cohen-Orgad asserted that the ban was not connected to the steady decline on Tel Aviv stock exchange over the past weeks. Rather, he said, all the Treasury hopes to do is to stop the state's loss of interest on dollar accounts caused by the public hoarding foreign currency at home, instead of keeping it in banks.

One of the Treasury's main aims in imposing the ban was apparently to prevent the public from selling its shares. In the process taking the money printed and used by the government to support the prices of bank shares, and rushing out to buy dollars with it.

Cohen-Orgad said that he hopes the foreign currency ban will only be a temporary step and that it will be possible to return to the former situation as soon as the state of the economy improves.

The finance minister said that the ban was more than a "technical" change. Such limitations on foreign

currency holdings were also in effect in other countries, such as Norway, Sweden and Finland, where the dollar cannot be used as means of payment, he said.

As for the cash held by the public in "their mattresses," which he estimated last night as anywhere between \$50 million to \$70m. — Cohen-Orgad said that both the individual and the nation were losing money on the hoarded currency.

"This is an absurd situation, both for the private citizen and for the economy. The citizens are losing 15 per cent interest on their 'mattress accounts,' and the state is losing interest it could be gaining from depositing that money abroad."

In a first reaction, the Alignment's Gad Ya'acobi, chairman of the Knesset Economic Committee, said that the ban meant a return to control over foreign currency and signalled the collapse of the economic switchover (mahapach) of 1977.

"This step is the fruit of (former finance minister Yoram) Aridor's 'correct economics.' But at this stage, it is unavoidable," Ya'acobi said in an Israel Television interview.

"This will probably be partially effective, but the economy is severely ill," he said.

Last night's announcement followed a day of intensive discussions between Treasury and Bank of Israel officials on ways to deal with the deteriorating financial situation.

Following last month's large devaluation and the bank shares agreement, Treasury and Bank of Israel officials had expected the public's run on dollars to cease. They had also hoped that large public institutions, such as pension funds, would begin to buy bank shares.

Last night's move was an acknowledgement that the Treasury's hopes of a turnaround had not been fulfilled.

'No aim to stay in Lebanon'

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir yesterday denied reports that Israel had threatened to keep its forces on Lebanese soil indefinitely, should the current talks in Geneva bring about the abrogation of last year's agreement with Lebanon.

Briefing the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, Shamir said that since the Israel Defence Forces evacuated the Shouf Mountains, circles in the U.S. and elsewhere had complained that Israel was no longer as involved as it should be in Lebanon. They had demanded a greater Israeli role, he said.

Shamir said: "We shall vigorously oppose a Syrian hegemony in Lebanon."

Lebanon.

When the visit to Israel (commencing today) of U.S. Under-Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger had been originally planned, the premier said, the Lebanese issue had not dominated his agenda. "But now it is quite possible the talks will centre on Lebanon," he said.

Shamir denied that Israel had negotiated with the U.S. on suitable compensation, for withdrawing its objections to the training of a Jordanian commando force to protect the Persian Gulf oil states. Israel had objected to the idea from the outset and would express its opposition in the talks with Eagleburger, he said.

"We have always opposed the arming of all Arab states which are in a

state of hostilities with Israel," he said. "There is no justification for this sort of American aid to Jordan."

The Associated Press reported that Jordanian Foreign Minister Murwan Kassem denied reports that the U.S. was training a Jordanian strike force for use in emergencies in the gulf region.

Kassem, in an address to the Jordanian National Consultative Council, an equivalent of a parliament appointed by King Hussein, described reports of creation of such a force as "rumours."

Shamir said that if reports were true that Syria considered the IDF withdrawal to the Awali River line as a sign of Israeli weakness, then Syria would do well to think otherwise.

Bank shares drop 6%

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — Bank share prices dropped 6 per cent yesterday on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, as Treasury intervention in support of the shares totalled some \$40 million. The fall in the prices of bank shares was in sharp contrast with the Treasury's one-week-long willingness to buy bank shares without any change in price.

Concurrently, the non-banking sector of the share market suffered a major drop in prices as the public rushed to unload security holdings. Price of shares fell by margins of 10-15 per cent.

Altogether, 343 securities fell by margins of 5-15 per cent. Of these 86 were established as "sellers only" and their price was automatically dropped for a 5 per cent loss, without any trading. Of a total turnover of IS4.2 billion in the share market, IS3.9 billion was the value of trading in bank shares.

Statistics provided by the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange indicate that the total value of sales of bank shares put onto the market was in excess of \$65 million. Motivating the heavy selling wave were rumours of an immediate 12 per cent devaluation of the shekel and suspicions that the Treasury would finally take steps to halt the purchase of dollars, whether in the form of cash or for Patam current accounts.

One financial analyst expressed satisfaction that the Treasury had further lowered the price of bank shares. "This will result in a shakeout and allow the Treasury to desist from its intervention policy," he stated.

Statistics supported this line of thinking as at yesterday's price levels the bank shares carried an 11.2 per cent dollar-linked yield if held for the five-year period. This was by far the best possible yield available to Israeli investors.

Treasury and Bank of Israel officials would not be quoted yesterday on developments at the stock exchange.

The flight from the shekel which resumed at the end of last week picked up momentum yesterday. An estimated \$9m. was purchased, mainly in bank notes but also in travellers cheques.

Financial circles believe that renewed pressure for foreign currency was due to the belief that even if a massive devaluation of the shekel might not be pending, the government's policy at some time in the future would probably be a much more rapid devaluation. Thus any money kept in shekels or even in shares would lose its buying power.

Banking circles noted that the interest in putting money in Patam accounts had eased off, mainly because of talk of imposing a tax on these accounts to catch speculators who had moved to foreign currency from bank shares before the latter ran into trouble early in October.

Orgad enters economic fray

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The Treasury's plans for budget cuts and austerity measures met their first obstacle yesterday when Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad held meetings with senior ministers and with a Histadrut delegation headed by Secretary-General Yeroham Meshel.

Meshel and his aides firmly rejected any reduction of cost-of-living payments or other allowances. Labour Minister Aharon Uzan and Education Ministry officials meanwhile made it clear that the Treasury may find serious opposition to its proposed cuts when Cohen-Orgad raises them at the cabinet, probably next Sunday.

The Meshel-Cohen-Orgad meeting was the first between the

Treasury and the Labour Federation for some months.

At the end of the meeting, both sides announced that "existing wage agreements" will be respected. This was interpreted as meaning that the Treasury will have to drop its plans to cut the Co-L compensation payable to workers next January.

Cohen-Orgad and Meshel announced that they agree on the

U.S. pessimistic about Lebanon negotiations

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. is very gloomy about prospects for success at the Lebanese national reconciliation talks in Geneva.

Reagan administration officials, while publicly welcoming the opening of discussions and expressing hope for their success, are privately despondent about the likelihood of any early progress — no matter how modest.

As a result, Secretary of State George Shultz and other senior U.S. policymakers are becoming increasingly convinced that the only real hope for a breakthrough may be for Israel to adopt a militarily more ambitious role in Lebanon —

as a counterweight to the Syrians. Shultz is also anxious for Israel to use its still-considerable influence among some Lebanese Druse to promote a more conciliatory stance at Geneva.

But Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger and other Pentagon, White House and State Department aides, concerned about a negative Arab response, are strongly resisting any more highly visible U.S.-Israeli military cooperation in Lebanon.

The New national security adviser, Robert McFarlane, is said to be trying to reach a compromise between these two schools of thought. Informed sources said he is

Jemayel calls for end to Lebanon 'long night'

GENEVA (AP). — President Amin Jemayel opened the long-delayed Lebanese "reconciliation conference" yesterday with an appeal to save his country from "this long night" of civil strife.

"If the Lebanese fire is not put out, now, before it is too late, only God knows where this fire will spread, and how much it will threaten Arab world and the world as a whole," Jemayel said.

Jemayel delivered his appeal during a brief opening session of the conference, bringing together Lebanon's warring factions. Following his opening speech, the conference adjourned until this morning.

"This conference is a unique opportunity to snatch Lebanon, the region and the world from this dangerous dilemma and dark tunnel," Jemayel said. "This opportunity might not present itself again."

The conference opened yesterday evening in the heavily guarded Intercontinental Hotel after various factions rejected proposed venues in Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and Lebanon.

Delegates will be faced with the arduous task of restructuring Lebanon's political system to meet Moslem and Druse demands for a greater voice in a country whose government system has been dominated by Christians.

Jemayel acknowledged that various communities in Lebanon had interests which were "urgent and legitimate."

But he said they "should not surpass the rights of the nation. The rights and boundaries of the communities should not extend the rights of the nation."

Lebanese officials said Jemayel was the only one of the nine delegates to address the opening session.

Despite the appeal, members of the Syrian-backed Opposition Front for National Salvation, which includes Druse, Moslem and Christian, said they would not attend.

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Arens: Assad's army aims at creating 'Greater Syria'

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Defence Minister Moshe Arens said yesterday Syrian President Hafez Assad had built an army of 400,000 men, using Saudi Arabian money and Russian arms, with the aim of achieving a "Greater Syria."

"And that," Arens said, "includes not only Lebanon, but also Israel and Jordan."

Arens was replying in the Knesset to a motion for the agenda by Yossi

Sarid (Alignment), on "500 days in Lebanon and the disaster in Beirut."

Sarid said the Syrians in a short time had expanded their army from 230,000 men to 430,000. This included eight divisions — three mechanized and five armoured — and in addition 30 commando battalions, the equivalent of three more divisions.

While the Syrian army was being strengthened, Sarid said, the government was concerned about the Lebanese threat.

Arens said Assad had designs not only on Lebanon but Israel.

Assad's army had murdered some 25,000 Syrian citizens in the city of Hama, Arens said, and there was no doubt that he was behind the acts of terrorism in Beirut.

But if Sarid was worried about Assad's war machine, Arens reassured him that the Syrian army was foremost in the mind of the IDF

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Turkish toll rises to 980

TURKEY, ERZURUM (AP). — A powerful earthquake that rolled through eastern Turkey on Sunday killed at least 980 people and left at least 25,000 people homeless in harsh winter weather, officials said yesterday.

Heavy rain that disrupted rescue operations earlier turned to snowfall in mountain villages struck by the quake.

The quake destroyed at least 50

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	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Min-Max
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Nahariya	60	16-25	26
Safed	64	11-18	20
Haifa Port	55	19-24	25
Thessalon	52	16-26	27
Nazareth	55	15-24	25
Afula	64	14-24	25
Shomron	62	14-22	23
Tel Aviv	62	11-23	24
B-G Airport	55	15-24	25
Jericho	45	15-28	29
Gaza	65	14-24	25
Beersheva	39	11-24	25
Yotat	39	16-20	30

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Knesset speaker Menahem Bevan last night hosted a dinner for the UJA Los Angeles Entertainment mission which arrived yesterday. Among those present were Robert Daly, chairman of Warner Communications; producer-director Richard Zanuck, and Helen Gurley Brown, editor of *Cosmopolitan*.

The Haifa municipality's Rabbi Kaniel annual Memorial prize has been awarded to the Sephardi chief rabbi of Haifa, Eliyahu Bakshi-Doron, for his book *Binyan Av*.

Members of the Anti-Defamation League golf tournament, headed by entertainer Monty Hall and Mildred Levine, were hosted at the Knesset yesterday by Ehud Olmert, MK.

DEPARTURES

Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Peles for Brussels on Sunday for talks with senior European Commission officials.

County Supervisor Harriet Wieder, and her husband Irving, who led a UJA mission from Orange County, California, on a week-long mission here, for the U.S.

Iraq claims attack on Iranian ships

NICOSIA (AP). — Iraqi war planes and gunboats attacked and destroyed three Iranian vessels approaching Bandar Khomeini port in the northern corner of the Persian Gulf. Baghdad Radio reported yesterday.

The radio, quoting a military communiqué, said two other Iranian vessels were blown up when they entered sea lanes mined by the Iraqis.

The communiqué reiterated an Iraqi warning that ships belonging to countries friendly with Iran should avoid a restricted zone declared by Iraq in the gulf, and specifically should stay away from the approaches to Bandar Khomeini.

OLIVE TREES. — A Dahariya resident has complained that 44 trees in his olive grove were cut down last week.

Top officers rotated

The appointment last week of Aluf Amnon Shahak (Lipkin) as OC Central Command, replacing Aluf Uri Orr has been accompanied by a rotation of lower-echelon officers in charge of security in the West Bank. Sgan-Aluf Amnon Amir has been appointed deputy military commander of Judea and Samaria; Sgan-Aluf Ephraim Levi is the military commander of Samaria, based in Nablus; and Sgan-Aluf Reuven Caspi is the military commander of Binyamin, based in Ramallah.

Basketball results

Following are the results of last night's basketball games in the 10th round of National League play:
Mac. TA, 111; Hap. Afula, 71.
Hap. Haifa, 95; Hap. Upper Galilee, 87.
Mac. Haifa, 90; Hap. Holon, 74.
Mac. Ramat Gan, 93; Mac. K. Motzkin, 84.
Hap. TA, 86; Mac. South TA, 81.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Marines end search: We've got every body

BEIRUT (AP). — The search was pronounced virtually over yesterday in the truck-bombed U.S. Marine post, and the official spokesman for the American peace-keeping contingent put the latest casualty toll at "over 230 dead, over 70 wounded."

"We're fairly confident we've got just about every body," said Maj. Robert Jordan, chief spokesman for the Beirut-based marines, as searchers completed a ninth day of digging in the devastated post.

One or two bodies may still be in the rubble of what was the four-story headquarters of the marine battalion landing team at Beirut's international airport, "but indications are we've found every body we're going to find," he said.

Police said no clues have been found yet about the identity of the terrorist who crashed a grey Mercedes truck laden with about a ton of explosives into the lobby of the marine headquarters on October 23. No arrests have been made, police said.

Neither were there any clues to the truck bombing of the nine-story command headquarters of the French paratrooper company at a Beirut seafront residential neighbourhood, which killed 58 Frenchmen.

Meanwhile, Shi'ite Moslem leaders yesterday called on the U.S.

and France to stage no reprisals against their community for the bombings.

One prominent Shi'ite also claimed the U.S. Marine command in the Lebanese capital had been warned in advance of possible attacks but failed to take adequate security measures.

"The marine command was given warnings from two security quarters in Lebanon a few days before the attack that a big operation might be staged against them," said Ghassan Siblini, a leader of the Amal militia.

Siblini, a political bureau member of the Shi'ite sect's dominant militia, did not say in his statement, published by the independent Beirut newspaper *an-Nahar*, who had warned the marines.

Marine spokesman Jordan has acknowledged that the American contingent has received warnings of attacks from time to time and has taken whatever security precautions were deemed fit.

But Jordan would not say whether the marine command had received any warnings specifically connected with the October 23 bombing.

Siblini warned that a marine attack on the southern Beirut suburbs would be met with resistance. "We are always ready to defend ourselves," he said.

Bomb defused near Tyre

JERUSALEM POST STAFF and agencies
METULLA. — A bomb weighing 3.5 kilos was discovered yesterday north of Tyre by the side of a road used by Israeli patrols.

The bomb was safely dismantled, and Israeli troops searched the area. The Israel Defence Forces, meanwhile, have completed engineering surveys of all buildings used in Lebanon to house IDF troops. Various steps have been taken to prevent a recurrence of the Tyre disaster of a year ago, when a gas-leak explosion collapsed a building used as a Border Police headquarters.

When the IDF entered Lebanon, it took over many buildings formerly used by terrorists. Other structures are being rented from Lebanese.

The new prison compound at Ansar in South Lebanon is being prepared for winter.

Israel Defence Forces engineers are working around the clock to finish the work before the heavy rain sets in.

The majority of the prisoners have been transferred to new cell blocks floored with heavy asphalt to prevent tunnelling. The IDF has also stepped up its patrols at the camp.

U.S. rejection of aid offer not a political decision

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel is now satisfied that the American decision not to make use of Israeli aid in the wake of the recent Beirut bombings was not taken on the political level and was not taken for political reasons.

Secretary of State George Shultz wrote to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir expressing America's "profound gratitude" for its aid offers and explaining that "in this instance we were able to care for our wounded...from our own resources."

Initial resentment in Jerusalem at the way Israel's offers of medical and logistic aid were dismissed has been allayed by such U.S. assurances. Israeli officials now believe that the decisions were indeed the result — perhaps an unfortunate result — of inflexible thinking by the U.S. military in Beirut and by the U.S. Army Medical Corps in Germany. The latter followed standing procedures which said that men wounded in Lebanon be flown to U.S. hospitals in Europe.

Israeli government and medical sources still believe it would have been better to fly some of the gravely wounded U.S. Marines the much shorter distance to an Israeli hospital, several of which went on emergency alert when news of the blast came in.

"But we no longer feel they 'boycotted' us for political reasons," a well-placed source here said yesterday. "That, after all, would have been absurd and cruel."

The secretary's letter, sent on Thursday, read:

"Dear Prime Minister, 'I want you to know the American people and my colleagues appreciate the outpouring of expressions of sympathy and offers of assistance from the Government of Israel and from private Israelis from all walks of life on learning of the attack against the Marines in Lebanon.'

"I especially appreciated your government's taking extraordinary emergency steps to receive any wounded Marines and offering all other possible assistance in the face of this tragedy."

"This is a point I made when appearing before Congress on Monday. Your spontaneous action genuinely reflects the spirit of close cooperation and friendship which binds our countries together."

"In this instance we were able to care for our injured and wounded from our own resources. But I take deep satisfaction in knowing that Israel stands prepared to help us again in the future if the need arises."

"Please convey my profound gratitude and thanks to all those individuals and organizations who were ready to support us in our hour of need."

Consul-general was chosen for non-existent consulate

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Four months after the cabinet appointed Israel's first consul-general in Denver, Colorado, Israel has learned from the U.S. that it cannot establish a consulate-general there.

The city lies close to sensitive military facilities, and the U.S. government does not want any foreign missions there.

In the months since the cabinet decision on June 25, preparations had gone ahead to set up the consular team.

Foreign Ministry sources told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the affair was "routine" and "not embarrassing." They said the U.S. had suggested alternative towns nearby as sites for a consulate-general. But Israel has turned those down, apparently because none of them has a sizeable Jewish community.

The sources said the U.S. had indicated it did not particularly object to an Israeli mission in Denver, but it believed that once the precedent was set, other less welcome missions would seek to establish themselves there.

Other sources said Israel had appealed against the initial thumbs-down on Denver from the State Department. But apparently the appeal has now also been turned down.

The erstwhile consul-general-designate was Ya'acov Morris, a veteran diplomat whose previous posting was ambassador to New Zealand.

Morris is now a candidate for the newly-reopened embassy in Liberia. The present ambassador there, Gabriel Gabrieli, may have to give up the post for health reasons.

Bequest Awaiting Tel Aviv Resident

Half a million Dutch Guilders (over \$14m.) are waiting for "Mr. Yosef," a resident or former resident of Tel Aviv or vicinity, who was a friend of the late Armin Deutsch of Berlin.

Deutsch died in Rotterdam, and a codicil to his will was recently discovered.

The Mr. Yosef (or Joseph) in question is requested to send proof of his identity to attorney Yosef Ben-Gal, P.O.B. 225, D-4040 Neuss 1, West Germany. (Jlm)



Lebanese leaders meeting informally in Geneva yesterday prior to the National Reconciliation Conference are (left to right) Walid Jumblatt, Robert Franjeh, Suliman Franjeh, Abdel Halim Khaddam, Rashid Karame, and Nabih Berri. (UPI telephoto)

Population at 4,065,000

By AVI TEMKIN/Post Economic Reporter
Israel's population totals 4,065,000 persons, living in 1,091 settlements, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday in its announcement of the first results of the 1983 census.

The figures showed that during the last decade Israel's population rose by 948,000, a 29 per cent increase, and that the average number of persons per family declined from 3.8 in 1972 to 3.5.

Some 90 per cent of the population lives in cities. A quarter of the population lives in the three largest cities, and some 60 per cent is clustered around those cities.

There is a trend away from the city centres, however, towards new suburbs.

The largest increases in population were registered in Petah Tikva, Ramle and Rehovot. Some 835,000 persons reside in this area.

Other areas which registered increases were the north, with 40 per cent, and Jerusalem, with 37 per cent. Tel Aviv area population increased by 11 per cent, but Tel Aviv itself registered a 9 per cent drop in population.

Thatcher vows to assist in struggle for Soviet Jewry

By HYAM CORNEY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has assured world Jewish leaders of her "determination to do everything possible" to induce the Soviet authorities to reopen their gates to Jewish emigration.

The assurance was given yesterday to an 11-member delegation from the presidium of the World Conference on Soviet Jewry, which called on her at 10 Downing Street during its two-day meeting in London.

A communiqué issued by the presidium at the end of the conference spoke of the "menacing escalation of oppression" of Soviet Jews and called on the Soviet Union to "reopen the gates for those Jews who wish to join their brethren, to release from prison all those Jews whose sole crime is a desire to go to their homeland and enable them to maintain their cultural and religious identity, to put an end to the oppressive policies against Jews and to cease the dissemination of all forms of anti-Semitic propaganda."

An approach by leaders of the presidium to see the Soviet ambassador received a "virtual refusal," according to chairman Greville Janner MP. Following the attempt on Sunday to present him with a petition at the end of the mass march from Hyde Park to the Soviet Embassy, Janner tried, as an embassy official suggested, to arrange a meeting with the ambassador. But when he phoned yesterday, there was "prevarication" and no meeting is now expected to take place, Janner said.

U.S. leaders to confer here on Begun

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A group of top American Jewish activists for Soviet Jewry are arriving tomorrow for discussions with Israeli leaders on the recent sentencing of Prisoner of Zion Yosef Begun and the general repression of Jewish culture in the Soviet Union.

The group, all from the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, will include Morris Abram, chairman of the conference and former president of Brandeis University; conference executive director Jerry Goodman; and Ivan Novick, Rabbi David Hill, Charlotte Jacobson and Herbert Kronish.

They will meet President Chaim Herzog, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres. They will also tour an absorption centre and meet with relatives of Prisoners of Zion.

A protest assembly on behalf of Begun will be held on Thursday at Tel Aviv's Beit Tchernichovsky at 8 p.m.

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UK minister due today

Israel is hoping that today's visit of a British minister of state at the Foreign Office will presage a more intense high-level dialogue between London and Jerusalem.

Richard Luce MP, who is in effect the deputy foreign secretary, is to arrive by special plane early this morning. He is scheduled to meet with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir at 10 a.m.

Luce and his aides will hold a working session later in the morning with Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir and other senior officials. This afternoon he is to meet with opposition leader Shimon Peres.

Tomorrow he is to see Defence Minister Moshe Arens before visiting the Scitex factory and Kibbutz Kfar Hanassi in Galilee. He will continue to Jordan on Friday.

The last high-level talks between Britain and Israel were in the spring of 1982 when then-foreign secretary, Lord Carrington, paid what was widely felt to be a successful visit to Israel. The success was undercut, however, by Carrington's resignation immediately after — over the Falkland Islands invasion.

ORGAD FACING

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need to encourage exports and to curtail imports, and that the main emphasis should be on renewing economic growth.

The main result of the meeting was an opening of the way for talks among the government, the Histadrut and the private employers. The Treasury wants these talks to lead to a new "package deal" on wages and prices, and Cohen-Orad specifically said during his opening remarks yesterday that a "social understanding" is vital.

At the talks that the minister and his officials held with other ministries, there appeared to be even less agreement than at the meeting with the Histadrut.

Wide difference still existed yesterday between the Education Ministry and the Treasury on cuts in the education budget, and no agreement seemed near in the talks that the Finance Ministry held with the universities on a proposed raising of

tuition fees to \$1,000. (See story below)

In the afternoon the minister met with Housing Minister David Levy, and then with Uzan on the proposed cuts in their budgets.

Uzan stressed during his meeting with Cohen-Orad yesterday that before talking about cuts, the Treasury must try to impose a larger tax burden on the rich. He proposed a new tax bracket for the highest earners, and suggested a capital-gains tax. Uzan also demanded from the Treasury some \$4 billion for his ministry, in accordance with the existing budget.

During his meeting with the Histadrut leaders, Cohen-Orad promised that the main burden will fall on the rich, but called for Histadrut cooperation in his new measures.

Far from accepting a cut in the C-o-L compensation, Meshel indicated that the Histadrut will demand an advance on January's C-o-L allowance.

No settlement reached on school budget cuts

Jerusalem Post Staff

Despite reaching an agreement to cut more than \$4 billion from the school budget, the Education and Finance ministries were sharply divided on the amount of further cuts to be made after a day of tough negotiations between Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad and Education Minister Zevulun Hammer yesterday.

The sum still in dispute was estimated at \$2.5 billion, by Education Ministry sources last night.

The main bone of contention yesterday was the proposed school levy. The Finance Ministry wants roughly 80 per cent of Israeli families to pay a new tax of \$1,000 a month, irrespective of the number of children per family, and the Education Ministry is digging in its heels at \$400. The proposed levy will extend from kindergarten to 12th grade.

Unless Hammer and Cohen-Orad meet about the levy in the next few days (as of last night, no meeting had been scheduled), the matter will come up for urgent review at Sunday's cabinet meeting.

The Education Ministry has also made it clear that it will not permit any cuts in the number of educational psychologists or guidance counsellors.

However \$4.6 billion of savings were agreed on yesterday in the following areas: the suspension of cleaning services for pupils from the seventh grade upwards, which the Education Ministry estimates will save some \$890m., and no hirings of substitute teachers until the regular teacher has been absent for four days.

The ministry spokesman claimed that these cuts would not lead to

one teacher attempting to supervise two classes of 40 children. Rather, other teachers would fill in with extra hours or the principal or deputy principal would fill in. In secondary schools, he said, "senior pupils may also help supervise younger classes."

Buses, which take 25,000 Israeli pupils to school every day in rural areas, will not be cut out, "but a joint education and finance ministries committee is being set up to find ways in which economies can be made here," the spokesman said.

School security officers will no longer be paid for by the Education Ministry nor will the ministry help to foot bills at sports matches which will now be the sole responsibility of the police.

The council of the National Parents Association will meet with Hammer today for detailed explanations of the proposed school fees and budget cuts.

In principle, the parents reluctantly accepted the idea of school fees when it was first broached last August.

At Hammer's request, both teachers' unions are holding their fire until the finance and education ministries reach a final agreement.

In the Knesset yesterday, Economic Committee chairman Gad Ya'acobi (Labour) criticized the Treasury's plans to cut the education budget and make parents pay a school fee, blaming the "correct economics" of former finance minister Yoram Aridor for creating the present crisis.

Education Committee chairman Ora Namir will next week present an urgent motion in the plenum on the planned school budget cuts.

West Bank youths jailed for throwing petrol bombs

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Balata refugee camp in the West Bank was placed under curfew late yesterday after a petrol bomb was thrown at a passing military vehicle. There were no injuries or damage, according to military sources.

Military courts in Ramallah and Nablus, meanwhile, sentenced two groups of youths found guilty of petrol-bomb attacks on Israeli vehicles.

Shadi Shuwerat Darwish, 16, of Beit Jalla, was sentenced to 2½ years imprisonment and 2½ years suspended for throwing a petrol bomb at an Egged bus last April, causing severe damage to the bus, a nearby car and a house. He was also found guilty of shooting at troops with a powerful slingshot.

His two associates, also aged 16, were sentenced to shorter prison terms. They were also found guilty of forming an illegal organization which they called "The Sabra and Shatilla Revenge Group."

In Nablus, Faisal Naef Abu Suweis, 27, from the Jenin refugee camp, was sentenced to 4½ years imprisonment for throwing a petrol bomb at a Border Police vehicle and at the house of a local resident suspected of collaboration.

Three associates from the camp were sentenced to two years imprisonment and 2½ years suspended after being found guilty of participation in the same attacks.

The same military court in Nablus yesterday sentenced a student at An-Najah University to six months in prison, five of them suspended, and a \$20,000 fine after he was found guilty of raising a PLO flag during a campus demonstration. The student was identified from pictures taken of the demonstration by the army.

Post-Knesset reporter adds: Since April, about 260 Jewish settlers in Judea and Samaria have been injured and one woman was killed by stones thrown by Arab rioters. Defence Minister Moshe Arens said yesterday.

Replying to a parliamentary question by Geula Cohen (Tehiya), Arens said that the ministry did not have records on stone-throwing before that date. Nor did it have information on the number of buses and other vehicles that were stoned.

Since April 1977, there were 17 incidents of arson, bombings and land mines in Judea and Samaria, Arens said. There were no such incidents in the Gaza area.

3 killed, 6 hurt in road crash

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Three people were killed and six injured when a car carrying a family of Turkish tourists collided with another car on the Wadi Ara road near the Pardes Hanna junction yesterday morning, police reported.

The tourists were travelling towards Hadera in their Oldsmobile when a Subaru car, coming in the opposite direction, apparently veered into their path.

The driver of the Oldsmobile, 37-year-old David Baruch, his father Mois, 64 and mother Vida, 60, were killed. Baruch's wife, Mishlin, 37, son Maurice, eight, and daughter Verna, 10, and a woman relative travelling with them, Nivon Alukirk, 23, were injured. Police said the condition of Alukirk, who suffered head injuries, was critical.

The family, who arrived two days ago, had reportedly been visiting Jewish relatives here while on a tour of the country.

The driver of the Subaru and his passenger both suffered moderate injuries. Police think the Subaru driver may have suffered a blackout which caused him to lose control of his vehicle.

All the injured were taken to Hillel Jaffee Hospital in Hadera.

High-ranking police officers arrived at the accident scene and began an investigation.

Meanwhile, 80-year-old Aliza Voro, who was struck by a car while crossing a road in Haifa two weeks ago, died of her injuries yesterday.

In Rehovot yesterday, another pedestrian, 55-year-old Seemna Shtricher, died after being struck by a car. The driver of the car is being questioned by police.

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HOME NEWS

STATE COMPTROLLER REPORT: Unlinked benefits for areas were a pittance

Jerusalem Post Staff

Social benefits paid to Arabs in the territories last year were all but meaningless, the police fraud squad needs reorganization, and the Airports Authority is not doing enough to make flying safe.

These are some of the conclusions of the second part of the State Comptroller's 33rd annual report, which was released yesterday. The first part of the report was submitted by State Comptroller Yitzhak Tunkin last May.

Tunkin's findings made public yesterday also charge that some radio-programme editors pocketed illegal payments, and that some personnel at Israel Radio received free records from music companies in contravention of the radio station's rules.

The report questions certain banking practices, especially those relating to its function as a bill-collecting agency, and scores Amidar, the government housing company, for gross misuse of its computer system.

The comptroller's report on the Employment Service, which pays the salaries and social benefits for organized labour from the territories, notes that since 1970 the benefits have been paid unlinked and without interest. This means that the millions of shekels deducted from the workers' salaries for vacations, sick pay and other allowances were paid back to them at many times less than their real value.

The head of the Employment Service, Baruch Haklai, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the benefits were in fact linked a year ago, and that the comptroller's office had been informed of this. About 60,000 workers each month are directed through the service to jobs in Israel.

Haklai added that the service collects IS1 billion each month from these workers' employers, with 75 per cent of it paid out as salaries and the rest going into a social-benefit fund in the Treasury. He said that recently the service has started to pay retirement pensions to workers from the territories who have reached age 65 after working for 10 years in Israel.

Several billion shekels in nominal terms have piled up in the social-benefit fund over the years, but no current calculations are made of its value in real terms. Only a small portion of this money has been paid out in benefits, pensions and for the development of social services in the territories. Unconfirmed reports hold that the money is being set aside to pay for an eventual compensation settlement with the Palestinian refugees.

The comptroller meanwhile has called for a reorganization of the National Fraud Squad headed by Tat-Nitzav Binyamin Siegel. According to the police, the reorganization has started.

According to the report, communications and training procedures need to be improved in the fraud squad.

The report also insists that Siegel's organization, considered the elite of the police investigation units, automatically hand over to local or district officers any investigation that they can, so that the elite unit can concentrate on trans-district crimes.

According to Nitzav Yehzekel Carty, under whose purview Siegel's squad works, most of the reorganization proposed by the comptroller has gone into effect. Carty said that such a reorganization is necessary to "take the initiative in combating white-collar crime." (Further reports, Page 5)



Transport Minister Haim Corfu (centre) smiles as Dan bus cooperative representative Moshe Spector (right) signs the agreement on government subsidies to the company yesterday in Tel Aviv. (Hernik)

Dan and government sign bus-subsidies agreement

**By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter**

TEL AVIV. — The Transportation Ministry and the Dan bus cooperative signed an agreement yesterday on new formulas for calculating the government's subsidies to the company.

The agreement is retroactive to 1981 and is to remain in force until 1991.

At a ceremony yesterday for signing the agreement, which came after years of negotiations, both Transportation Minister Haim Corfu and Dan chairman Yosef Horovitz expressed satisfaction with the terms of the pact.

The government has yet to work out formulas for subsidies to the Egged bus cooperative. Observers believe this agreement will not be concluded for at least 18 months.

The Dan agreement calls for subsidies to be adjusted monthly in respect to inflation. Funds will be transferred on the 15th of each month.

The subsidies are to allow Dan to renew its fleet with 80 new buses each year, and to print route maps for display at bus stops and aboard buses.

Corfu said at the end of the ceremony that the agreement promises that Dan will operate efficiently and the government will be able to oversee the operation costs of the cooperative in a precise manner. He also said that Dan has promised to streamline operations, which should result in lowering the price of bus tickets.

Sources cautioned, however, that for the foreseeable future bus fares are still likely to rise every month or so. Fifty per cent increases in fares go into effect today, making the price for a city bus-ride IS15.

JERUSALEM POST POLL Shamir edges Navon as 'best for premier'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir is considered the "best suited to serve as prime minister" according to a public opinion poll conducted last month for *The Jerusalem Post* by the Mod'In Ezrahi research institute headed by Dr. Sara Sheimer.

But Shamir was named by only 15.6 per cent of a 1,238-person sample.

Former president Yitzhak Navon was backed in this category by 13.7 per cent.

Former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, who polled 45.6 per cent in March and over 33 per cent in July, was considered the best candidate by only 4 per cent in October.

After Shamir and Navon followed former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, whose support grew from 5.4 per cent in March to 9.9 per cent in July and 11.8 per cent in October. Rabin was ahead of Labour Party Chairman Shimon Peres, who was backed by 7.1 per cent of the sample. Peres' popularity has grown since July, when it was only 3 per cent.

Former defence minister Ezer Weizman's popularity has been growing slowly since March, but he still rated only 3.9 per cent in October. The incumbent minister of defence, Moshe Arens, appeared on the list of possible premiers for the first time in October, polling 3 per cent. Nearly a third of the sampling group declared they "did not know" whom to support.

On the question "who do you think would be the best minister of defence?" Arens polled 25.6 per cent (in July he got 29.1 per cent). Ariel Sharon followed with 14.3 per cent, Weizman with 9.5 per cent and Rabin with 6.6 per cent.

Former chief of staff Rafael Eitan was supported by 2.2 per cent, the same as another former chief of staff, Haim Bar-Lev.

In the field of economics, former finance minister Yigael Hurvitz, headed the list as most suitable for this post. Energy Minister Modai, who made the list for the first time, was second with 6.4 per cent. Yigal Cohen-Orad, who eventually became finance minister, was listed fourth (5.7 per cent), just after Prof. Haim Ben-Shahar, the Alignment's candidate for the post. Former finance minister Yoram Aridor dropped from 20.3 per cent support in July to 3.2 per cent in October. Deputy Prime Minister David Levy was backed by only 1.9 per cent. Over 40 per cent of the respondents voiced no opinion in the matter.

Abba Eban, the former foreign minister under the Alignment, was still at the top of the list for foreign affairs. He was backed by 17.2 per cent in October, well above his July figure of 13.2 per cent. Incumbent Foreign Minister Shamir was second, with 11 per cent, reflecting a steady drop in his popularity in this job from 34.3 per cent in March. Nearly 10 per cent would like to see Weizman in this job, and 4.8 per cent preferred Arens.

Likud brings out big guns for voting runoffs

**By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Staff**

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has asked cabinet ministers and senior members of the Likud's Knesset faction to campaign for the party candidates in the runoff mayoral elections on November 8.

At a meeting last night, Shamir said it is urgent for the Likud to reverse as much as possible the political slide it experienced in last Tuesday's municipal elections.

Meanwhile, Elections Commissioner Meir Shalom said yesterday that although the runoff elections are legally an extension of last week's polling, the day will not be a work holiday in the 34 localities where the runoffs will be held.

Shalom, a long-time opponent of the shabbaton (work holiday) idea for election day, said: "The repeat elections will be held in those places where none of the candidates for mayor won 40 per cent of the vote. For all intents and purposes, it will be election day all over again in these communities. The only difference is that voting will be held only from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. instead of all day, and it will be a working day just like any other Tuesday."

At Shalom's office yesterday, couriers kept arriving with the official protocols bearing the final count of the 147 election zones. Though election headquarters had received all the figures by last Wednesday by telephone, the law requires that the results may not be published in *Reshumot* (Official Gazette) until all 147 protocols are received by the minister of the interior and transmitted to the minister of justice.

Meanwhile in Ramat Gan Alignment mayoral candidate Uri Amit says he intends to sign a memorandum for a municipal coalition with other lists that participated in the elections last week.

Amit, who will run against Likud incumbent Yisrael Peled in the runoff, was campaigning on city streets yesterday. The first-round results, in which both Amit and Peled got less than the necessary 40 per cent, are considered a big gain for the Alignment in Ramat Gan, traditionally a conservative stronghold.

The Knesset Alignment faction warned yesterday that soldiers whose permanent residence is in a locality where a runoff vote will be held may be denied the chance to vote.

The Alignment revealed that the authorities are planning to send ballot boxes to central Israel Defence Forces bases only and not to every unit, however isolated, as was done for the first round of voting.

All soldiers who will not have access to ballot box in their own units should be granted special leave to go home and vote with the civilians, the Alignment said.

Knesset and municipal election days would no longer be holidays under the provisions of a yet-to-be introduced private member's bill in the Knesset sponsored by the coalition factions.

The bill would also impose restrictions on the staffing of polling stations, renunciation of committee members and parties' transporting voters to polling stations.

Following are the places where the runoff elections will be held, and the names of the mayoral candidates:

Even Yehuda: Amizur Haimovsky and Ya'akov Gur; Umm el-Fakhr: Wajid Mahjoub, Hashem Hamayana; Elia: Gad Kutz, Rafael Hochman; Ofakim: Yehiel Ben-Zur, Avraham Raviro; Ashdod: Arye Azulim, Zvi Zilber; Beita al-Gharbi: Samir Darwish, Ja'ali; Be'er-Sheva: Eliyahu Navi, Uri Sebag; Beit Dagan: Eliyahu Daddan, Azra Hersoni; Beit She'an: Nahum Aviad, Shmuel Yehuda Ben-Zur; Bnei Brak: Tzion; Muhammad Zuhdi, Ali Zuhdi; Jericho: Yusef Nabulsi, Salah Tarifi; Ganei Tikva: Meir Duri, Shalom Haklai; Dimona: Albert Abushah, Eliyahu Hildel; Hosh Hasharon: Yitzhak Kedim, Eliyahu Shimon; Haar Hagallim: Eliyahu Hailon, Yossi Mushe Elul; Tzfat: Haim Haim; Ya'acov Ben-Avraham, Reuben Bleser; Yavneel: Ezra Mushe, Yitzhak Tafari; Yerusha: Yoram Gitter, Baruch Alon; Kibbutz: Muhammad Taha, Jamal Taha; Lod: Ze'ev Bistritzky, Maxim Levi; Mersavet Zioni: Ziad Ben-Yitzhak, Eli Moyal; Nahaf: Sami Sirhan, Ahmed Abbas; Netanya: Yael Aloni, David Anzelevitz; Safed: Annon Gileon, Ze'ev Peled; Kiryat Ata: Ya'akov Ben-Daniel, Robert Reavey; Kiryat Shmona: Prosper Azran, Avraham Aloni; Rosh Ha'ayin: Yosef Yigael-Yosef, Yosef Melamed; Rehovot: Yehzekel Hamelech, Mordechai Bashti; Ramat: Yoram Rabi, Moshe Peretz; Ramat Gan: Uri Amit, Yisrael Peled; Ramat Hasharon: Moshe Verbin, Gad Peled; Sderot: Amir Peretz-Armoud, Hanina Amos; Shikim: Yehuda Lankri, Shlomo Resher; Ramat: Khamel Faris, Elias Kasi.

Two men beaten in Jaffa

**By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter**

TEL AVIV. — Three men yesterday attacked Menahem Ben-Zur, 52, a driver for the postal service, near his Jaffa home. Ben-Zur, 52, was hospitalized with a fractured skull.

At 2:30 a.m. Ben-Zur returned from work and parked his car near his home on Sderot Yerushalayim. Three masked men armed with a pistol emerged from a large American car and assaulted Ben-Zur, who fought back and shouted for help. Finally the men let him go and disappeared, and neighbours took Ben-Zur to a hospital.

Police said Ben-Zur may have been a victim of mistaken identity, since he had no money on him and he is not employed in transporting valuables. The attackers did not steal anything.

In another incident, three men attacked 85-year-old Darwish Dalk in his Jaffa home, bound him, and escaped after searching in vain for money.

Eitan's movement to teach 'true Zionism'

YESUD HAMA'ALA (Itim). — Tsomet, the Movement for Zionist Renewal founded by former chief of staff Rafael Eitan, will strive to inculcate the values of true Zionism by means of information campaigns in all parts of the country, especially in schools.

Eitan announced this during the founding convention of the movement held here on Sunday. He added that the movement did not intend to become involved in politics.

"Something has happened to this nation," Eitan said. "There has been erosion on the most basic matters — education, aliya, settlement and work. We have founded this movement at the eleventh hour to help the country."

Among the goals of Tsomet, as listed by Eitan, would be to publicize the threat of destruction hanging over Israel, to work toward Jewish unity, and to see to it that the whole of the Land of Israel remains under Jewish sovereignty.

Eitan said that members of minority groups who do not serve in the IDF should not be allowed to vote in Knesset elections. "Perhaps this way we'll be able to reduce the number of Rakah Knesset members," he said.

Alignment readies bill for dissolution

**By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent**

The Alignment yesterday tabled a private members' bill to dissolve the Knesset and hold early elections, but there is no indication when the Alignment will present the bill for preliminary reading.

Under the House Rules, this dissolution bill cannot be presented before December 31, as private bills carry a two-month freeze period. After December 31, the Alignment will not present the bill until it is assured of a majority.

The Alignment will not present its bill just to "test the water," since if it fails, no faction would have the right to table or present a dissolution bill for another six months.

The two-man Shinui faction, which tabled its own dissolution bill before the summer recess and was due to present it last week for preliminary reading, was persuaded by the Alignment to hold off for the time being.

MKs to visit ailing hospitals

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Members of the Knesset Labour and Social Affairs Committee will visit several financially hard-pressed government hospitals next week, as part of the committee's ongoing discussions of the crisis currently facing the Health Ministry's hospital system, committee chairman Menahem Porush said yesterday.

Health Ministry director-general Prof. Baruch Modan yesterday told the committee that the ministry's development budget had plummeted to half of what it was in 1977, in real terms.

The health budget is unrealistic and the combination of dropping resources and increasing demand will either mean the elimination of certain services or a general drop in the level of services, Modan said.

He also pointed out that Israel has one of the lowest rates of hospital beds per 1,000 population (2.93) in the western world (France has eight beds per 1,000). Given the present rate of population growth, if no hospital beds are added, the country will be short of 2,000 beds in the next four to five years, he said.

Water company closes for cleaning

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — Mekorot, the national water company, will be closed for 10 days beginning this morning for cleaning and repairs. It is the first such halt in operation since the company was inaugurated in 1963.

The closing will not affect the supply of water to any of the points in the country served by the company.

Meanwhile, as part of a project to prevent the pollution of Lake Kinneret, a treatment reservoir with a capacity of one million cubic metres has been built to collect sewage water from Kiryat Shmona, Metulla and Kfar Giladi, and thus prevent it from entering the Kinneret.

This water, after undergoing treatment, will be used for irrigation of nearby fields in the summer.

All Gallee settlements are improving their sewage systems to prevent pollution and provide water for irrigation.

TA fire fighters to begin sanctions

TEL AVIV. — A single fire truck will be operating for the entire Tel Aviv region today, as part of sanctions imposed by the city's fire fighters. The fire fighters are threatening to launch a general strike 48 hours after the start of their sanctions if their demands are not met, spokesman Shlomo Harari said yesterday.

Harari said the city has been violating its agreement concerning pension fees to fire fighters' widows. He said two widows, whose husbands died while serving in the city's fire department, have only been receiving part of the pension fees promised by the agreement with the municipality.

Municipal Services manager Pinhas Lahav yesterday rejected the demands and said the city intends to take legal action against the fire fighters.

Motion on voiding rent hike defeated

Post Knesset Reporter

By a vote of 39-16, the Knesset yesterday defeated a motion for the agenda by Tewfik Toubi (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality) calling on the Knesset to reverse the government's decision to raise rents in protected flats by 120 per cent effective today.

Deputy Housing Minister Moshe Katsav replied that the government had increased rents by 6 per cent less than the increase in the consumer price index.

The index rose by 126 per cent from July 1982 to July 1983 and the government could have raised rents up to that amount. Katsav noted that tenants who paid key money within the last 15 years will pay only two-thirds of the increase.

The Alignment voted with the DFPE on Toubi's motion.

New director-general at Industry and Trade

Yehoshua Forer, director of the Investment Centre at the Ministry of Industry and Trade, has been appointed the ministry's director-general.

He replaces Avraham Asheri, who is leaving government service for a senior position with Israel Discount Bank.

Yoram Blizovsky, a veteran ministry staffer, has been appointed director of the Investment Centre.



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Nation preparing for Ben-Gurion memorials

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Numerous events are planned this month to mark the 10th anniversary of the death of the country's first prime minister, David Ben-Gurion.

The schedule of events was announced at a press conference at Beit Agron in Jerusalem yesterday by Yosef Ya'acobson, chairman of the inter-ministerial committee in charge of the memorial ceremonies.

Since the *yahrzeit* falls this year on Shabbat, November 12, the memorial day this year will take place on the following day. The government has granted its patronage to a special assembly in the Jerusalem Theatre on November 23 as well as to a state assembly of the Israel Defence Forces at Tel Aviv's Mann Auditorium on November 14.

The Knesset will hold a special session in Ben-Gurion's memory on November 14 at 4 p.m., and the Zionist Executive will do so that morning. Exhibitions, lectures and lessons in educational institutions around the country will be held this month on Ben-Gurion's contribution to the state.

The Jewish National Fund will dedicate a re-creation centre in Dimona in two months that will be named for Ben-Gurion.

A postal cancellation marking the 10th anniversary of his death will be available at Sde Boker on Sunday, November 13, the day of the central memorial at the gravesite of Ben-Gurion and his wife Paula at the Negev kibbutz.

More than a dozen radio and TV programmes will be broadcast on the life and philosophy of Ben-Gurion, starting on November 5 and proceeding through November 13. Zionist federations and youth movements around the world plan assemblies in his memory.

Ya'acov Schatz, director of the Government Information Centre, told reporters that plans to mark the anniversary were initiated last May. He dismissed stories that the government had "forgotten" about the anniversary this year.

Ya'acobson said that every year, more people, and especially young Israelis, visit Ben-Gurion's grave overlooking the Wilderness of Zin, often more than can be accommodated. He said that Sde Boker — with its many institutions of education, science and research of the desert — is a living memorial to Ben-Gurion.

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Turkish earthquake Rain, snow hamper rescue operations

NARMAN, Turkey (Reuters). — Distraught survivors of the earthquake which killed more than 800 people around this northeastern Turkish town told yesterday how the huge tremor devastated villages, trapped families and killed hundreds of vital livestock.

A group of women, dressed in traditional brightly-coloured baggy trousers, huddled in the rain in the mountain village of Sekerli, afraid to enter their near-demolished homes for fear of more collapses.

The village had 500 mud and rough-stone houses before the quake struck early Sunday morning. But now most of them are reduced to heaps of sodden dirt and rubble. Rescue workers have brought the villagers about 50 tents but the women complained that these were not enough. They shivered uncontrollably.

"We are not cold," said one. "We are just nervous."

Heavy rain that disrupted rescue operations earlier turned to snow-

fall yesterday in mountain villages struck by the quake.

The quake destroyed at least 50 villages and caused loss of lives and heavy property damage in the Horasan, Narman, Pasinler and Sarikamis townships in the eastern provinces of Erzurum and Kars.

The League of Red Cross Societies yesterday appealed for funds to help the estimated 25,000 people injured or made homeless in the earthquake.

In the U.S., waves of aftershocks from a major earthquake which last week rocked the state of Idaho have created a new lake and may have moved a mountain — but have caused relatively few casualties.

Geologists said yesterday Idaho's tallest peak, Mount Borah, 3956 metres now measured an extra five metres.

A new lake fed by spring water is forming near Mackay, a town of 300 inhabitants, where nearly every house was damaged by the earthquake, town officials said. Two children were killed in the quake.

Argentina's election winner revived fortunes of Radicals

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters). — Raul Alfonsín, who led Argentina's Radicals to election triumph and has the presidency within his grasp, tirelessly campaigned to restore the old party to a dominant role and beat Peronism into opposition.

The 57-year-old lawyer was elected head of the Radical Party and became its presidential candidate last July.

But for over a year he had toured Argentina expounding his proposal for social progress based on a strict application of democracy and

justice for all. A politician with charisma, he succeeded in broadening the Radicals' traditional power base in the middle class in his bid to turn the party into a new national majority.

Alfonsín, the son of a Spanish immigrant shopkeeper, was born in Chascomus, 120 kilometres south of Buenos Aires, on March 13, 1926. He was educated at a military high school alongside several men who have become top figures in the Argentine armed forces today.

Falklands sovereignty talks ruled out

LONDON (Reuters). — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher yesterday rejected the idea that Britain would be prepared to negotiate over the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands with a new democratic government in Argentina.

She was questioned in a radio phone-in programme on Argentina's claim to the South Atlantic colony, which led to a three-month conflict there last year.

A caller asked if she would be prepared to negotiate with whatever government were elected yesterday.

in polls that are due to end eight years of military rule in Argentina. Thatcher replied: "If you mean sovereignty of the Falklands or the future of the people, the answer is no."

"That sovereignty is British. There have never been Argentine people living on the Falkland Islands in the last 150 years. They were discovered by British. The Falkland Islanders have the same right to self-determination regardless of the government in Argentina."

Delicate surgery could eliminate eyeglasses

CHICAGO (AP). — Surgery could make eyeglasses obsolete in the future for many nearsighted people, even those who now need thick spectacles to see more than a few metres, eye specialists say.

In presentations to the American Academy of Ophthalmology last week, eye surgeons said they can correct vision by either sewing a "living contact lens" made from a donated cornea onto the eye, or by reshaping a slice of a patient's cornea.

The surgical procedures could allow people who had been severely nearsighted to throw away their glasses, or manage with only light reading glasses.

"I'm totally convinced that within the next 20 years it will be commonplace to restore eyes to normal focus with surgery rather than glasses or contacts," said Dr. Richard Villarsenor, a University of Southern

California eye surgeon. But a note of caution was sounded by Dr. Randall Olson, chairman of ophthalmology at the University of Utah.

"These operations are exciting, but you have to look at them realistically," Olson said. "For myopia, they should be considered cosmetic surgery because excellent modes of correction are available with glasses and contact lenses."

More than 20,000 nearsighted Americans already have undergone radial keratotomy, in which a series of radiating incisions are made on the cornea, the eye's outermost window.

The incisions flatten the cornea enough so that light is able to hit the retina, rather than falling short of the target and thereby failing to send visual information to the brain. For those requiring further help,

Afghan forces halting offensive by guerrillas

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (Reuters). — Afghan army reinforcements have slowed a two-month guerrilla offensive against strategic Communist strongholds in eastern Afghanistan, sources said yesterday.

Several thousand Afghan soldiers have also been sent along one attack route into the interior of Afghanistan to defend the beleaguered garrison there from guerrillas encircling the town, they said.

The reinforcements came last month, coinciding with Soviet bombing farther north at Jaji, where guerrillas had captured a key military base.

Farther south, rebels are keeping

up the pressure on the mountain town of Urgan and the sources said they might try a final push before snow begins to fall later this month.

The results are less than guerrilla leaders hoped for in early September, when their forces suddenly swept through most of the three towns outlying defences and began forays in the bazaars there.

But military analysts here credit them with scoring major territorial gains in the Pakitia region, which Kabul tried last spring to sweep clean of all rebel activity.

Pakitia is a key region for the Moslem guerrillas, who must pass through it on their way from bases in Pakistan to targets deep inside their homeland.

Jesse Jackson to run for U.S. presidency

NEW YORK. — Rev. Jesse Jackson announced Sunday he will seek the 1984 Democratic presidential nomination and said he would try to choose a female running mate.

The civil rights leader, speaking in a television interview, said he would formally announce his candidacy on Thursday. He is seeking to become the first black presidential candidate nominated by a major party.

Although many of the country's black political leaders have said they will not support him, fearing

such a campaign would be divisive, Jackson said, "no candidate can expect to have unanimous support from any given community."

The 42-year-old Baptist minister said that if he were president he would not have ordered U.S. troops to invade Grenada and he would withdraw U.S. forces from Lebanon "as quickly as possible, and I mean real quick."

Jackson said he would not hesitate to choose a woman as his vice-presidential candidate if he won the nomination. (AP, Reuters)

Jimmy Carter's mother, Miss Lillian, dies, 85

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies. AMERICUS, Georgia. — Lillian Carter, the 85-year-old mother of former president Jimmy Carter, died yesterday, a hospital spokesman said.

Carter, his wife Rosalynn, and Lillian Carter's two other children, Billy and Mrs. Gloria Spann, were at her bedside when she died.

The hospital did not release the cause of death but said she had been admitted last Tuesday and had been in declining health.

In December, 1978, Lillian Carter headed the U.S. delegation to the funeral of Golda Meir. She came here again in April, 1980, to tour the country.



Lillian Carter at the Western Wall in 1980. (Rahamim Israeli)

White House press aide quits over Grenada assault

WASHINGTON (AP). — A deputy White House press secretary has quit his post, citing the handling of information in the wake of the inva-

sion of Grenada last week, chief White House spokesman Larry Speakes said yesterday.

The deputy press secretary, Leslie Janka, specialized in foreign affairs.

In a resignation letter sent to President Ronald Reagan on Friday, Janka said "personal credibility" was perhaps the most important tool of his job.

"Circumstances surrounding this week's events in the Caribbean have damaged, perhaps irreparably, that credibility," Janka said. "Mutual confidence among colleagues, once lost, regrettably cannot be readily restored."

At the heart of the dispute was, apparently, the release of information — and the withholding of information — by the White House regarding the military operations on the Caribbean island.

Janka, who joined the White House staff on September 1, was a deputy assistant secretary of defence from 1976 to 1978, and a member of the National Security Council staff in the Nixon and Ford administrations.

AROUND THE WORLD

UN officer blames N. Korea for Burma blast

PANMUNJOM, Korea (Reuters). — The UN Command said yesterday that North Korea was involved in the bomb blast in Burma on October 9 that killed four South Korean cabinet ministers.

At a meeting of the Military Armistice Commission at the Panmunjom border town, chief UNC delegate U.S. Rear Adm. Warren Kelley said, "The weight of all available evidence points toward North Korean involvement."

"There can be no doubt that the apparent assassination attempt on Republic of Korea President Chun Doo Hwan in Rangoon...has dramatically escalated tension on this peninsula."

Airlift set for victims of Kenya cattle raid

NAIROBI (AP). — The Red Cross plans to begin airlifting emergency food aid to villagers whose livestock were stolen by cattle rustlers who killed 26 people in an attack last month.

Christer Agvist, chief delegate in Kenya for the League of Red Cross Societies, said yesterday that the humanitarian organization was hoping to use a Kenya air force plane for the airlift, due to begin today.

Marcos says PM to take over if he leaves office

MANILA (AP). — President Ferdinand Marcos announced yesterday all his powers would pass to the prime minister — currently Cesar Virata — in case he cannot perform his duties as president.

The presidential palace released a statement saying Marcos, 66, made the announcement during a palace meeting with the country's political, military and economic leaders "to clear doubts" about the succession issue raised recently by the opposition and the business community.

688 flowers on a single chrysanthemum

TOURS, France (Reuters). — Amateur gardener Francois Santini says he has beaten his own world record for a chrysanthemum — 688 flowers on a single plant. Santini said he held the previous world record with a single plant of 400 flowers.

Marxist Mozambique would like U.S. arms

NEW YORK (Reuters). — Samora Machel, the Marxist president of Mozambique, which South African forces have frequently raided, asked the U.S. for military and economic aid in an interview published yesterday.

Asked what Washington could do about attacks on South African black nationalists based in Mozambique, Machel told *Newsweek*: "In order to resist, my people need weapons. I would like the U.S. to help me. The U.S. knows the strategic value of Mozambique."

Polisario: Moroccans launch big offensive

ALGIERS (AP). — The Moroccan army has launched a "major offensive" against the Algerian-backed Polisario guerrilla movement in the Western Sahara, the guerrillas headquarters in Algiers announced yesterday.

The announcement said the Moroccans attacked last Thursday in the open desert area between Smara and Tifariti, leading to "very violent" fighting involving 18,000 Moroccan troops, bomber and helicopter squadrons and heavy artillery.

In Rabat, the Moroccan army command described the Polisario announcement as a propaganda exercise, and said the operation was nothing more than a "routine roundup of infiltrating subversive elements."

Polish primate hopes pope will visit Hungary

BUDAPEST (AP). — Cardinal Jozef Glemp, the Polish Catholic primate, paid a weekend visit to the seat of Roman Catholicism in Hungary, the cathedral of Esztergom, where he expressed hope that John Paul II would visit Hungary.

Zimbabwe rationing grain because of drought

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP). — Zimbabwe, one of Africa's few food exporters, has been forced to ration corn and wheat following two years of devastating drought, the government said yesterday.

The state-controlled Grain Marketing Board last month cut supplies of corn and wheat 10 millers by 10 per cent after drought destroyed much of the last crop.

Zimbabwe, which exported almost half of its record 1980 harvest of three million tons to neighbour states, has also stopped sales outside the country.

Lloyd's reports Iranian ship sunk by missile

LONDON (Reuters). — An Iranian ship was sunk by a missile on October 12 as it headed for Iran's Gulf port of Bandar Khomeini, the Lloyd's of London reported yesterday.

Lloyd's said the missile hit the 10,171-ton cargo ship Iran Shahadat in its engine room as it neared the end of a voyage from Hamburg, West Germany.

Iraq said on October 12 it had attacked "enemy naval targets" north of the Iranian oil terminal of Kharg Island heading for Bandar Khomeini at the northern tip of the Gulf.

Ciskei police arrest anti-apartheid activist

PRETORIA (AP). — Police in the tribal homeland of Ciskei have detained the secretary-general of the Southern African Catholic Bishops Conference, church officials said yesterday.

Ciskeian security officials confirmed that the Reverend Smealiso Mkhathshwa, administrative head of the Roman Catholic church in the region, was detained after a prayer service at Fort Hare University in Alice on Sunday.

Mkhathshwa, a long-time foe of apartheid, was named an honorary officer of the United Democratic Front, a coalition of anti-apartheid organizations formed in August to work for a non-racial South Africa.

Small nuclear war could cause deep freeze

NEW YORK (AP). — A computer model shows that a limited nuclear war could kill billions of people and plunge earth into darkness and temperatures of 13 below zero, even in summer, says scientist Carl Sagan.

Such a war would cover the world with radioactive smoke and soot, Sagan wrote in an article published Sunday by *Parade* magazine, and "many species of plants and animals would become extinct. Vast numbers of surviving humans would starve to death."

Sagan said other scientists who developed the hypothesis were James Pollack and Brian Toon of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Ames Research Centre and Richard Turco and T.P. Ackerman.

Sagan, director of the Laboratory for Planetary Studies at Cornell University, is known for the book *Cosmos* and the television series of the same name. Sagan supports the nuclear-freeze movement.

"The results of our calculations astonished us," Sagan wrote.



George Faktor, Chairman of the Board of Israel Edible Products Ltd., affixes mezuza at the new southern marketing centre recently dedicated by Blueband Talma in Beersheba. (Communicated)

"The amount of sunlight at the ground was reduced to a few per cent of normal — too dark for plants to make a living from photosynthesis," he wrote.

Because of the months-long cold, dark and intense radioactivity, "medical facilities, drugs, and the most rudimentary means for relieving the vast human suffering would be unavailable."

"Immunity to disease would decline," Sagan said. "Epidemics and pandemics would be rampant especially after the billion or so unburied bodies began to thaw."

Sagan said the results of the hypothesis were scrutinized by more than 100 scientists in the U.S., Europe and the Soviet Union, and "the overall conclusion seems to be agreed upon."

Sports

Upset weekend in the NFL

NEW YORK (AP). — The San Francisco 49ers, the Los Angeles Raiders and the Minnesota Vikings, all division leaders, were the prime victims in a Sunday of National Football League upsets.

Richard Todd threw for 201 yards as he led a balanced, virtually error-free Jets' offense and the New York defence contained San Francisco's runners in a 27-13 victory over the National Conference West leaders. Cornerback Jerry Holmes ran back an interception 43 yards for a touchdown in the final minute to seal the victory for the Jets, now 4-3 after snapping a three-game losing streak.

Linebacker Shelton Robinson ignited a starting Seattle with a 12-yard fumble return for a touchdown and the Seahawks went on to whip the Raiders 34-21 for their second victory over the American Conference West leaders in three weeks. Robinson made his big play with 9:18 remaining in the second quarter and the Seahawks trailing 7-0. Linebacker Keith Butler shook the ball loose from running back Marcus Allen of the Raiders, Robinson scooped it up and lumbered into the Los Angeles end zone.

The Cardinals knocked off the NFL's central-leading Minnesota Vikings 41-31. Neil Lomax fired two touchdowns passes to Ray Green and one to Pat Tilley, and Ozzie Armstrong ran for 136 yards and a touchdown in Los Angeles leading the Cardinals to their 41-31 upset over Minnesota. The victory on the Cardinals' third straight season and dropped Minnesota to 6-3.

Sunday's NFL results: Seattle 34, Los Angeles 21; Atlanta 24, New England 13; Buffalo 27, New Orleans 21; Pittsburgh 1, Tampa Bay 12; Baltimore 22, Philadelphia 21; Dallas 38, New York Giants 20; Cleveland 25, Houston 10; Cincinnati 30, Los Angeles Rams 14; Seattle 34, Los Angeles Raiders 21; Denver 27, Kansas City 24; New York Jets 27, San Francisco 13; Cincinnati 34, Green Bay 14.

Favourites beaten

in Kibbutz relay

TEL AVIV. — Ein Dor captained by Larry Goldstein edged hot favourites Ha'ogen into second place in the weekend's inaugural 66x1500m relay race for kibbutzim held at Mishmar Hasharon. The meet was contested by a total of ten mixed teams of men and women, Israel's middle and long-distance star Yair Karmi who led Ha'ogen was well behind his Ein Dor opposite number, when he took over the baton for the final leg. In an exciting climax Karmi managed to cut the lead considerably, but the great effort proved in vain as Ein Dor held on to finish first in a time of 28 minutes, 46 seconds — five seconds ahead of Ha'ogen.

A third Karmi decided not to defend his man's crown in the 10 cross-country that followed the relay. But the title stayed at Ha'ogen, victory going to Martin Law, a volunteer from Northern Ireland. Law's winning time was 31:25m. Yehoshua Halifa, second among the record 250 starters, 12 seconds adrift.

Mazal Shalom was first home among the 20 adult women participants, with Ross Saydow runner-up. The favourite, Zehava Shalom, Shalom's older sister — was among some 15 men and women competitors who took the wrong route, in an astonishing "follow my leader" mishap.

Over 700 runners competed in a variety of events for adults and juniors during the day's festive athletic programmes under the direction of Mishmar Hasharon's indefatigable Benny Shaw.

Russian Gymnasts

enter golden era

BUDAPEST (Reuters). — The much-vaunted Chinese gymnastics squad arrived in Budapest last week determined to eclipse the Soviet Union in the 22nd world championships. But by the end of the week-long competition they, and the other 39 nations taking part, could do little but praise the extraordinary achievements of the Soviet team which dominated the championships.

The final medals table the story. The Soviet Union collected 15 medals, including nine golds, the Chinese won nine, with just three golds.

Four other nations won a gold apiece but well before the end of the championships it was clear that the Soviet Union had entered another golden era of gymnastics. The only flaw in their high-perfect performance came in the first event when they were forced to take second place behind the Chinese in the men's team competition.

The dominant individual gymnast — bound to make his mark on the sport for the foreseeable future — was 16-year-old Dmitri Belozertchev. He was without peer winning the all-around title and taking three more golds in specific events.

The Soviet women also completely outshone the opposition.

The hard way

to a long truth

BRISBANE (AP). — After 217 consecutive days running and 14 pairs of running shoes, Ron Grant trotted into this northwestern Australian city yesterday to become the first man to run round Australia.

"I didn't know it was such a big country," he said after a cheering crowd welcomed him home. Grant, a bread vendor, did not take one day off in his 13,383 km run. He mortgaged his house to finance the run in which he broke the world endurance record. When asked why he had done it, Grant said simply: "I've always liked to run."

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Inadequate safety measures

AIRPORT AUTHORITY

THE ISRAEL AIRPORT AUTHORITY has not taken the necessary measures required to make the country's skies safer to fly through, the State Comptroller reported.

The Authority had commissioned a reputable American company to advise what should be done and, in May 1979, the company recommended several measures be introduced immediately to secure air safety. However, three years had passed, and not one of them had been implemented fully.

One major proposal was to extend a runway running roughly from north to south, so that it could be used for incoming planes, and leave the east-west runway for departing aircraft only.

However, that plan had not been approved because of Transport Ministry reservations. The Ministry was mainly concerned with the possibility that it would have to compensate — even evacuate — the residents of two settlements who would suffer from the increased noise.

The advisory company suggested also that the airport's radar system be improved so that it could distinguish between incoming and outgoing planes; however, the same system is still in use.

Officials first considered improving the system purchased from Elta, and then decided to buy a new radar. But at the time the Comptroller completed his study — August 1982 — the Authority still did not have the data required to publish a tender.

The third major recommendation was to build a new control tower replacing the present one, which does not give a full view of the airport. That had not been done either. (The Authority reported, meanwhile, that it had acquired a new radar system, and that the structure being erected for it will eventually house the new control tower.)

THE COMPTROLLER criticized the Authority also for lack of coordination with the Air Force on the question of dividing Israel's airspace between military and civilian aircraft.

Between July and December 1981 alone there were 18 near misses when military planes entered civilian airspace without prior coordination. They account for some 70 per cent of all near misses during that period, the report revealed.

The Airport Authority and the Air Force had agreed in February 1981 that they ought to divide the country's airspace, and establish an independent body to examine accidents and near misses which would affect civilian traffic. However, by the end of 1982 that had not been done.

The Comptroller observed also that the Airport Authority had introduced a new airline to Elat which passed near the Jordanian border, although a study had shown a relatively high probability for accidents there. (The probability was 1,600 accidents per 100m. flights. The international rate of accidents in the 1970s was 20 for every 100m. flights.) The route was opened even before all the necessary navigation instruments had been installed along the way, the report said.

— JOSHUA BRILLIANT

Delayed action at the banks

ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT

HALF the state revenue raised from the public (by the Treasury, the local authorities, the National Insurance Institute, the Broadcasting Authority and others) is collected through the commercial banks — a sum amounting to IS185b. in 1982, or IS15b. a month.

What do the banks get out of it? Permission to retain the money for four days before passing it on to the exchequer. This privilege is found to equal a commission of 1.3 per cent, and brought in IS2.4b. (through interest earned) last year. Point of criticism in the report: there is no mention of this outlay in the budget.

The accountant-general wanted to reduce the above commission by fixing a fee in place of the days of retention, or by reducing the days of retention. One way was to transfer the money three times a week instead of twice.

The banks disagreed. They even found reasons for lengthening their grace period. When the phone service started, for reasons of its own, sending out monthly instead of bimonthly bills, the banks promptly pointed to this as an increase in their work load, and demanded permission to transfer the money in question once a week instead of twice.

The report estimates that the effective cost of collecting phone bills and TV licence fees together was more than double the overall average of 1.3 per cent, amounting to 15-16 shekels per bill delayed (at December 1982 prices).

Another advantage accruing to the banks: when calculating liquidity ratios, the Bank of Israel includes the retained tax payments as part of the bank's current-account deposits. As a result they have more money left unfrozen, to work for them and earn interest.

The State Comptroller observes that the Treasury's contract with the banks authorizing the retention arrangement was drawn up 10 years ago, and has remained unchanged ever since despite new developments. One of them is the introduction of magnetic tapes, which reduced the cost of handling payments. Yet the banks did not volunteer a shorter holding period.

One of the reasons for their success in extracting good terms is their unrelenting solidarity. The Customs authorities at ports and airfields decided to close their cash-desks and make importers pay the levies at one of the banks. In order to find out which bank offered the best terms, they proposed to publish a tender. The banks made it known that none of them would respond; so no tender was issued.

Last May the device of extra retention time was used as a way of making a government loan. The Treasury permitted the banks to keep the tax payments for a fortnight — to help them finance the purchase of their own shares on the stock exchange (the practice that caused the recent bank-share crisis).

The banks were charged interest for this prerogative. Nevertheless the State Comptroller finds the whole transaction procedurally improper.

At the end of May the system was modified. It happens that pension funds are required to invest part of their money in government bonds, and they purchase these bonds at the banks. The banks were allowed to hold on to the money paid in by the pension funds and keep it for three whole months — using the money (again) for bolstering the price of their equity on the stock market.

The report takes the trouble to remark that these bonds are linked and yield 5 per cent interest — an observation that leads the reader to presume that the banks properly defrayed these costs out of their own pockets.

Internal Revenue

STATE institutions are exempt from income tax and in some cases thought they were exempt from the employers' tax too, though that is not so. The National Insurance Institute duly paid employers' tax for the first three months of 1975, but then informed the authorities that, according to their legal adviser, they were not liable.

The tax office answered in February 1975 that they were liable and had to pay. They didn't and the tax office did not follow the case up — till the State Comptroller intervened.

In April 1983, eight years later, the revenue officer demanded back employers' tax for 1975-82; but back payments of this particular impost are not index-linked under the law, so he received only IS77m. from the institute.

Other organizations were guilty of a similar error, including Jerusalem City Hall, which only paid up in October 1980 employers' tax due for 1975-79. Thanks to the above-mentioned dispensation from linkage, the Treasury's loss was City Hall's gain.

A failure to follow up

LABOUR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS MINISTRY

WHAT IS the point of paying hundreds of social workers, psychologists, counsellors and so forth to help people with their problems if the agencies they work for fail to follow up their case-work and check on what happens to their former clients? Has the advice and therapy helped or not?

These questions guided the State Comptroller's look at three departments of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs: the Unit for the Treatment of Alcoholism, the Adult Probation Service, and the Centre for Occupational Counselling and Information.

The alcoholism unit dealt with 1,800 clients between 1974 and 1982, out of an estimated 7,200 alcoholics in the country. The report criticizes the fact that little is done to keep track of alcoholics after they finish the therapy sessions at the unit's treatment centres, or to find out what happens to those who drop out in the middle.

The sloppy record-keeping at the probation service noted in the report prevents the service from following what happens to their charges after they finish their probationary period, and also makes it difficult to know what efforts were made during that period to steer the clients into a productive role in society. The report also notes that those released from juvenile detention homes at age 18 had little or no contact with the service, contrary to what the law stipulates.

THE REPORT on the occupational counselling centre, which was made

a part of the Employment Service in 1979, notes that its connection to the service is still not clearly defined. For example, there is no reporting system to see if the centre's recommendations were followed by the service, which deals with actual job placement. The follow-up that was done by the centre showed that only 24 per cent of those questioned said that the counselling helped guide them to an appropriate occupation.

The report also faulted the centre for its failure to repair equipment essential for psychometric tests to determine job aptitude.

The report also examined the state of the charitable trust funds set up by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs with private donations and public funds. The legal and financial records of most of the funds were in such a poor state that it was not possible to determine what they had been doing or how much money they possessed. For example, for a fund set up in 1955, only one annual financial report was found in the ministry's files.

The State Comptroller also blamed the ministry for dragging out the process of closing down the Central Fund for the Advancement and Development of Social Services. This fund was set up in 1973, and a decision was made by the minister in 1977 to disband it. Since then, part of its functions and staff have been transferred to the ministry, but sloppy record-keeping has made it impossible to draw up the final financial report necessary to terminate it.

— CHARLES HOFFMAN

Slipped discs

BROADCASTING AUTHORITY

ordered that such direct-payment arrangements be prohibited.

Since 1966, the radio has offered various commercial enterprises the opportunity to sponsor programmes. By paying the radio — through its advertising services — the costs of preparing the show, including studio-time and salaries of staffers involved in the programme, the enterprises received mention on the air. The cost of prizes offered to listeners who won in a lottery or by answering specific questions was to be paid by the advertiser.

But the comptroller found that the amount that the advertiser paid

at Kol Yisrael were sent to the record archive, even if the names of the editors are marked on the envelopes.

There were also a number of cases in which radio staffers negotiated with companies to solicit prizes for listeners, when that job belongs solely to the radio's advertising service.

The company that donates the prizes is allowed a single mention when the prize is announced. But the comptroller found that on several occasions the product was mentioned frequently, thus giving the company much more advertising than was warranted by the prize it supplied.

The comptroller concluded that the Broadcasting Authority does not receive full compensation for its advertising services on shows that involve prizes.

— JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Needless increase

ENERGY MINISTRY

EVERY YEAR since the late 1970s, Israel has spent about 10 per cent of its Gross National Product on imported oil, and last year the bill came to \$1.7 billion. It costs many more millions of dollars to refine and distribute the petroleum products the country needs.

For the last several years the State Comptroller has been looking into the role played in this multi-billion dollar business by the Fuel Administration, a part of the Energy Ministry. In this year's report the comptroller examines the relations between the Fuel Administration, headed by Shimon Gilboa, and the government corporation Oii Refineries, Ltd.

The comptroller takes the administration to task for the excessively liberal criteria used to determine the prices of refined petroleum products which the country's oil companies. These companies are actually marketing agencies for refined fuels. The arrangements

between the refineries and the Fuel Administration have needlessly increased the cost of fuels. This has benefited the refineries, but the cost has been passed to the consumer.

The comptroller urged the administration to use its authority to impose more stringent criteria on the refineries, instead of relying on mutually negotiated agreements to set the price of refined products. Several years ago the comptroller voiced similar criticism of the administration's dealings with the oil companies.

The comptroller concluded that a good portion of the inefficiency and waste discovered in the purchase, refining and distribution of petroleum products could be prevented by better planning and supervision by the Energy Ministry. The report notes that the ministry is now trying to set up a mathematical planning model to enhance the control and efficiency of this complicated process.

— CHARLES HOFFMAN

Absurd data

HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION MINISTRY

bases are 54 people, who update the computer's memory two or three weeks after the end of each month.

In August 1982 the State Comptroller asked Amidar for a computer printout of the 12,000 listings in one of its districts, to judge the accuracy of the computer's work.

Says the State Comptroller:

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WHEN AMIDAR used its computer to mail out approximately 10,000 rent notices, the post office returned 3,214 of them as undeliverable or rejected. In a spot check of about 1,590 of the returned notices, Amidar discovered that 47 per cent of them had been returned because of wrong addresses or other errors. As a result, Amidar had to bear the expense of verifying and correcting the wrong addresses and re-mailing the rent notices. In addition, the company suffered financial loss from delayed arrival of these rent revenues.

— AARON SITTNER

THE COMMUNICATIONS Ministry has implemented a 1968 proposal to appoint a chief scientist with a half coffee-half tea solution. On the one hand, it did not supply the chief scientist with enough backing and directives to get his job done properly. On the other, it failed to determine whether he was a worthwhile addition to the ministry and if not, to dismantle his office.

The comptroller relates a sad story of deep frustration in the chief scientist's office at the failure of ministry management to listen to his proposals and reorganize the office so that it would be effective.

The Katchalsky Committee recommended 15 years ago that a

Deep frustration

COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY

chief scientist be appointed to help the minister design and implement programmes relating to research and development in the communications field. Initially, 100 staffers were included in his unit, and research laboratories were built. In 1974, there were only 24 jobs slots.

The comptroller found that the ministry had never delineated clearly the chief scientist's responsibilities and authority, nor its

relationships with other ministry units. As a result of lack of direction and equipment, the office expended only a portion of its annual allocations.

The chief scientist, over the years, completed only some of the projects he planned. Most of the office's budget was spent on salaries, rather than on studies and research projects. Most of the subjects dealt with were not vitally important, such as which sophisticated switching systems were preferable for ministry use. In November, 1982 there were only 16 staffers in the office.

THE CHIEF scientist himself appealed to management to define his jobs and responsibilities and to implement his plans, but with no result. In January 1979, he submitted a proposal for reorganization of the office. In November, 1980, he announced that if nothing were done, the unit would fall apart. In July, 1981, he complained about the

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Bureaucratic dispute may ground trawlers

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
HAIFA. — The trawler fleet in the Kishon fishing port, which sails under the jurisdiction of two authorities, is again in danger of running aground on bureaucratic differences. The fishermen say the authorities have left the port operating literally on two levels.

The Agriculture Ministry's Fishing Division, which runs the fishing port basin, has just completed dredging the basin to a depth of 3.5 to four metres, to make it safe for the 15 trawlers that use the port. The work, carried out by a contractor, cost \$4.5 million, and was done after months of agitation by the fishermen and their union.

However, the channel that the trawlers sail to enter and leave the basin is under the jurisdiction of the Haifa port management, and it is only 2.5 metres deep.

The fishermen fear that the difference between the levels will result in the whole area silting up again once the rainy season causes the usual erosion.

This, they say, will again make it hazardous for their trawlers, which in the past have run aground there with considerable damage to their hulls.

The fishermen's union asserts that only an immediate deepening of the channel to the four-metre level can prevent a recurrence of the silting, and make the port safe for the boats.

The dredging of the channel, which has a much smaller area, would cost the port management only a fraction of the sum the Fishing Division spent in the basin. However, the port spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* that they had dredged it last February and did not think another dredging is necessary.

However, a difference of levels is undesirable and the port had asked the Fishing Division to supply an updated map of the basin bottom, from which the port engineers would judge the additional dredging necessary.

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Government asked to help sell wine

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter
RISHON LEZION. — The managing director of Carmel Mizrahi said yesterday that unless the government comes to the aid of the company, which buys and processes about 80 per cent of the wine grapes in the country, it will have to fire workers, cut production, and buy fewer grapes, forcing farmers to uproot some of their vineyards.

Lerman called on the government to end different levies on Israeli wine for export and help wineries in their promotion campaigns, especially in the U.S. Lerman also called on the government to give exporting wineries financial aid.

Last year Carmel Mizrahi exported \$4 million of wines and liquors. This year the goal is \$4.5 million.

Lerman said the 1983 vintage was a good one but slightly smaller than last year's. The surplus which last year totalled over five million unsold bottles was caused mainly by the wineries having to buy, in addition to wine grapes, large quantities of table grapes. This year the quantity of table grapes that the wineries bought was smaller.

Lerman said there are only two ways to get rid of unsold wine. "We must persuade the Israelis to drink more wine, and we must penetrate more aggressively into foreign markets. To do all this we must lower the price of the wine grapes and streamline production methods in order to improve the quality of the wines," he said.

According to the latest statistics on international wine consumption, Israel is still down in the "cellar." Per capita the Israelis consume about 4.2 litres of wine per year; Americans 8.3 litres; Russians 14.5 litres; Rumanians 29 litres; Italians 74 litres and French 96 litres.

According to Mordechai Rosenthal, public relations officer of the Wineries Cooperative, the U.S. had about the same per capita

consumption of wine as Israel 10 years ago, but by increasing the public's awareness of wine, and developing more effective marketing techniques, U.S. wine sellers have doubled the consumption of wine amongst Americans. Taste in wine has also changed in the U.S. Seventy-five per cent of the wines that the Americans drink today are high quality dry wines.

There has been a revolution in the tastes of Israelis too. 10-15 years ago, most of wines consumed here were sweet, and used for religious purposes. Today about 70-80 per cent of wines consumed are dry or semi-dry wines. Rosenthal said he believes this switch is due to the fact that the Israelis have learned to eat better.

Moshe Bar, export manager of Carmel Mizrahi, said that among the new methods being used in exports has been to sell wine in bulk, both in stainless steel and plastic containers.

A new production line for making white dry wines was recently built at a cost of over \$2m.

Bar revealed that one of the newest markets for Israeli wines is Japan, which last year bought about \$250,000 worth of wines and this year is expected to buy about \$400,000. He also said that in a recent international wine competition in Yugoslavia, Carmel Mizrahi received a number of gold and silver medals.

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Haifa hospital to start treating foreigners

HAIFA. — The city's Rothschild Hospital will shortly offer its services to foreign nationals, hospital director Dov Golan said yesterday.

Under the scheme, patients who prefer being treated in Israel will be able to arrange their visits to the hospital through selected travel agents. Services will be provided in four main fields: orthopedic, ophthalmic, ear, nose and throat and cardiac tests on unborn babies.

Dr. Golan said Israel was known for its high standard of medical care, and the foreign patients could be treated at Rothschild for less than it would cost them in their own

countries. It would provide additional income to help the hospital maintain and improve its services at a time of financial difficulty, he said.

Golan was speaking at a press conference to mark the visit of 120 leaders of the American B'nai Zion organization to the hospital yesterday. Among the many humanitarian projects which the organization supports is the Rothschild Hospital's West Wing project. The apolitical group, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year, has raised \$750,000 towards the project.

Temporary help firm opens J'lem office

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Jerusalem last week became the home of the 1,000th office of Manpower Incorporated, the worldwide temporary help network operating in 32 countries. The Jerusalem office is the third unit in Israel, joining those in Tel Aviv and Haifa.

Manpower work for periods ranging from two weeks to two months, and jobs are not limited to secretarial and typing work. "Engineers, technicians and accountants are also on our roster," Fromstein said.

Though different companies may offer different pay for the same position when they hire personnel themselves, all applicants for the same position will receive the same pay, and all the "customers" subsequently billed by Manpower pay the same rate.

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The Jerusalem office was officially opened by Manpower Incorporated's president, Mitchell Fromstein. He explained that Manpower offices are not employment agencies and do not charge fees to jobseekers. Job applicants are hired by Manpower as the employer and then assigned to "customers" who, if they were doing the hiring, would be called "employers."

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MUSEUMS
Visiting Hours: Main Museum 4-10, At 3:30; Guided tour of Shrine of the Book, 4:30; Guided tour in English, 6 and 8:30. Film: "The Enigma of Kaspar Hauser".
Israel Museum, Opening Exhibition: David Bomberg in Palestine, 1923-1927. Catalogue Exhibitions: Moritz Oppenheim, First Jewish Painter. Tip of the Iceberg No. 2, New Acquisitions of Israeli Art. Mario Merz, Italian artist. China and the Islamic World, ceramic influences. Old Lamp Section: Permanent Collection of Judaica, Art and Archaeology. Primitive Art: Looking at Pictures; Permanent Exhibit in Pre-historic Hall; Contemporary Jewish Art. Special Exhibits: Yehonatan Neuchin Drawings 1982; Torah Finkels (Rimonim) produced in Sana'a by Yemenite Jewish goldsmiths at beginning of 20th century. Rockefeller Museum: Jewish Kingdom Fortress at Jericho. Barnea: Wonderful World of Paper. Paper Centre next to Rockefeller Museum.

ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL:
8:15 Citizenship: 8:40 English 6 9:00 Arithmetic 4 9:25 Math 5 9:40 Sunsum Street 10:10 English 3 10:30 English 7 10:50 Science 7:4 11:20 English 8 11:40 Geography 7:4 12:05 English 9 12:30 Music 4-6 13:00 English 10 13:30 Music (for High School) 13:50 Everyman's University: Emerging African Nations: Israeli Literature in the 19th Century Touch 13:30 Citizenship 17:00 A New Evening - live magazine
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17:30 1, 4, 5, 6
17:50 Foster Higher, Stronger - sports
ARABIC-LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES:
18:30 News roundup
18:32 Youth Magazine
19:00 Documentary - Glasgow
19:30 News
HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20:02 Play it Again - TV game introduced by Dudu Topaz
20:30 Kibbutz
21:00 Mahat Newsreel
21:30 Second Look
22:10 The Winds of War, Part 5 of an 18-part serial based on the bestseller by Herman Wouk about the Second World War
23:00 Portrait of the artist, Ivan Schwabel
23:50 News
JORDAN TV (unofficially):
17:40 Cartoons 18:00 French Hour 18:45 Target 19:00 News in French 19:30 News in Hebrew 19:45 Magazine Zero One 20:00 News in Arabic 20:30 Hi-De-Hi 21:10 Secret Army 22:15 Knots Landing

ON THE AIR

VOICE OF MUSIC
8:15 Musical Clock
7:07 Beethoven: Rondino for Winds: Haydn: Symphony No. 96; Krommer: Clarinet Concerto (Jack Brymer); Bizet: Symphony (René Leibowitz); Schubert: Czech dances (Friedrich Schöberl); Strauss: Quatuor à la Haydn; Op. 29 (Fine Arts); Mozart: Euphonium, Jubilate (Victoria de Los Angeles); Respighi: Arle ed Danza Antiche, Suite No. 3 (Jerusalem Symphony, Jaren); Britten: Maestros Musicales (after Russian); Scriabin: Poème; Stravinsky: Le Renard, Burlesque (Ansermet); Michelet: 15 Observations on Modern Art; Dvorak: Bohemian Suite, Op. 34; Liszt: Hungarian Rhapsody No. 1 (Ormandy); Shostakovich: Concerto for Piano, Trumpet and Orchestra; Albaniz: Spanish Suite (Julian Bream)
12:00 Alexander Kaganovsky, cello; Tchaikovsky: Nocturne; Hindemith: Sonata, Op. 11, No. 3; Prokofiev: Sonata, Op. 119; Alexander Kaganovsky and Rima Nudelmann, piano - Stutchevsky's Pieces 13:05 Offenbach: La Perle (Igor Markovitch); Harve: Mademoiselle Ninette
15:00 The History of Music
15:30 Youth Programme
16:30 Chamber Concert (repeat from Sunday, 21.10)
18:00 News from the Record Library
19:45 Music from the Distant Past (repeat)
20:00 Trends in Japanese Music

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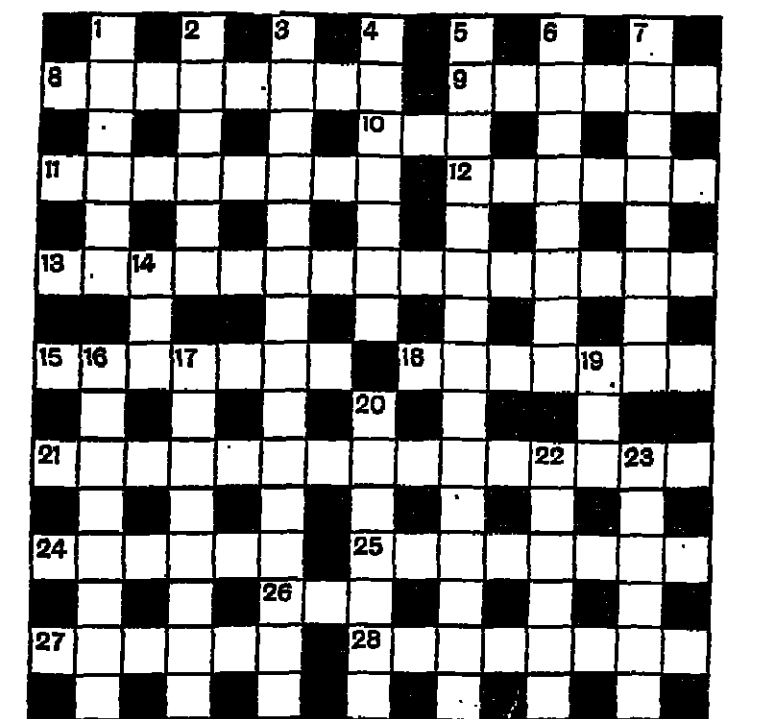
JERUSALEM 4, 7, 9
Eden: Dama do Lotacao; Edlison: War Games; Kfir: Flash Dance; Mitchell: Merry Christmas Mr. Lawrence 6:45, 9:15; Orly: J.C. Superstar; Orion: Blue Thunder 4:30, 6:30, 9; Orna: A Man Called Trinity; Roni Local Hero; Semadar: Best Little Whorehouse in Texas 7, 9:15; Binyamin Ha'am: Draughtsman's Contract 7, 9; Cinema One: Time Bandits 9; Days of Heaven 7; Cinema: The Wizard of Oz 4; The Island 7; Lu Chantre: de Parme 9:30; Israel Museum: Tron 3:30.
TEL AVIV 4, 7, 9, 15, 20
Ally: Meat Balls 4:30, 7:10, 9:30; Ben-Yusuf: Jinxed; Chen 1: Trading Places 4:30, 7, 9:30; Chen 2: Officer and Gentleman 4:30, 7, 9:40; Chen 3: Blue Thunder 4:30, 7, 9:30; Chen 4: Cannery Row 4:30, 7:05, 9:30; Life of Brian 10:30, 1:30; Chen 5: Sophie's Choice 6:40, 9:20; Annie Hall 10:30, 1:30; Cinema One: Mad Museum: Drive-In: Midnight Express 7:15, 9:30; Muppets in Hollywood 5:30; Sex film, midnight; Sam: L'Espresso; Danon: Gatt My Favorite Year; Gendel: Danton 4:30, 7, 9:30; Hah: Breathless; Lev II: Local Hero 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; Lior: Day of Zine 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; Lior: Young Frankenstein 4:30, 7, 9:30; Maxim:

20:30 The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra - Dvorak: Suite No. 8 (Zubin Mehta); Symphonies No. 8 (Zubin Mehta); 23:00 The Art of the Workshop - Hans Keller talks on Functional Analysis-Analysis of Music Without Words, with the New Israel Chamber Quartet (part 1) (11:10 Choral Music (no details available))
First Programme
6:03 Programmes for Olim
7:30 13th Classical Music - Works by Rossini, Weber, Beethoven, Mozart, Dvorak, Berlioz and others
9:30 Programmes in Easy Hebrew
10:05 Encounter - live family magazine
11:10 Elementary School Broadcasts
11:30 Education for all
12:05 Sephardi songs
13:00 News in English
14:05 Children's programmes
15:25 Education for all
15:55 Notes on a New Book
16:05 Afternoon Classics
17:02 Jewish Ideas
17:20 Jewishman's University
18:05 Religious Affairs Magazine
18:50 Bible Reading - Chronicles II, 4
19:05 Talmud Lesson
19:30 Programmes for Olim
22:05 Topical discussion - Introduced by Shmuel Horowitz
23:05 Two by Two
Second Programme
6:12 Gymnastics
6:30 Editorial Review
6:54 Green Light - drivers' corner
7:00 This Morning - news magazine
8:05 First Thing - with Ehud Manor
10:10 All Shades of the Network - morning magazine
12:05 Open Line - news and music
13:00 Midday - news commentary, music
14:10 A Taste of Honey
16:10 Health and Medicine Magazine
17:10 Economics Magazine
17:25 Of Men and Figures - economics magazine
18:05 Safe Journey
18:05 Today - radio newscast
18:30 New World - environment magazine
20:05 Cultural requests
22:05 Jazz Corner
23:05 Good Evening from Jerusalem
Army
6:30 Morning Sounds
6:30 University on the Air
7:00 707
8:05 Morning Newscast
9:05 Right Now - with Rafi Reshaf
11:05 Israeli Winter - with Eli Yureli
13:05 Two Hours
15:05 What's Wrong - with Erez Tal
16:05 Four in the Afternoon
17:05 Evening Newscast
18:05 Computer Magazine
19:05 Music Today - music magazine
20:05 Rock Plus
21:00 Mahat - TV Newscast
21:45 University on the Air (repeat)
23:05 Popular songs
23:50 Classical Night Birds - with Ram Eron
00:05 Night Birds - songs chat with Ronny Levi

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ACROSS
8 An office in which little or no work gets done (6)
9 Rent-free ... (8)
10 ... and not right on reflection? (3)
11 In the main it's regarded as a pest (5-5)
12 A switch in wages that amounts to a travesty of work (6)
13 What America owes to France's monumental generosity (5, 2, 7)
15 A steamer in which there's wretched accommodation for the stokers? (7)
18 Unorthodox priest holding a piece of foreign currency (7)
21 Keeping sweet in the jam (10, 5)
24 Don's port? (6)
25 Scientific definition of the world in which we live (6)
26 The friendly host will see it's broken before drinks are served (3)
27 Something to eat between meals (6)
28 A case in which care isn't misplaced (8)

DOWN
1 Is coming up fast without saying a word (6)
2 New centre? Well, nearly new (6)
3 A literary publication that calls for seasonal contributions (8, 8)
4 Dispatched to the side-lines for not playing the game? (4, 3)
5 A jack-in-the-box that could constitute a nine days' wonder (10, 5)
6 Streets on the fringes of a French city not lit up at night (8)
7 Tear-drop shed for a rapacious creature (8)
14 A to-do to eliminate to-do (3)
16 A German Johnnie gripping dreadfully poor whaling equipment (8)
17 Guests, six, sit or stand first (8)
19 Sturdy built mobile water-tower (3)
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Prices drop as investors lose faith

This week 54 years ago, the 1929 Wall Street crash began. October 29, 1929, was marked by a loss in securities values which totalled some \$3 billion.

In the one-week period ending yesterday, the valuation of Israeli bank shares alone was cut by \$3 billion. If one adds another \$2 billion lost in the value of non-banking securities, the Tel Aviv drop makes Wall Street's crash of 1929 look modest.

While there is no intention to draw comparisons between what happened on Wall Street then and what is happening now on Tel Aviv's Rehov Ahad Ha'am — where the local exchange is situated — there is one aspect which is common to both crashes. The American investor lost confidence and today we have a broad segment of the Israeli public which has lost all confidence in anything but "cash dollars."

The American of 1929, like the

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

Israeli of 1983, acted out of panic and one wave of selling brought on successive selling waves.

No financial giant or institution was strong enough to stem the selling pressures experienced by Wall Street. Many people wondered, in the wake of yesterday's session, whether the Treasury was getting ready to cease its intervention in buying bank shares which are included in the government "agreement." While yesterday's dollar value of the Treasury's intervention was less than that on Sunday, when it forked out some \$70 million, the intervention of \$40 million left out an additional \$25

million in sell orders which were not executed due to investors' unwillingness to accept prices which were six per cent below Sunday's levels.

Were it not for the lack of confidence, common sense would point to bank shares, which have acquired a dollar-linked yield of more than eleven per cent, as an excellent investment. However an element of unreality has crept in and the investment community is acting without rhyme or reason.

The statistics on yesterday's trading give a clear picture of a market in shambles. No fewer than 23 securities were established as "sellers only" for the second consecutive session. These shares and options could suffer losses of tens of percentage points when trading resumes today.

According to exchange regulations, after two sessions of being registered as "sellers only" the securities are open to trading without any price restrictions.

U.S. PESSIMISTIC

Syria has demanded that that agreement be cancelled as a precondition for leaving Lebanon.

David Landau adds: Israeli officials do not now believe that the U.S. is planning military retaliation for the Beirut bombing, and they certainly do not expect any such plan to be discussed during talks with under-secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger which begin here today.

"He is not coming with any operative proposals," a well-placed source said yesterday. "If he were we would know."

Rather, Eagleburger's several days of high-level talks are expected to be a free-wheeling exchange of ideas, with the focus being Lebanon and both sides intent on improving policy coordination.

Sources on both sides do not rule out a revival, in one form or another, of the strategic memorandum of understanding, concluded in the autumn of 1981 but suspended

soon after. Neither side is apparently eager to resuscitate the precise wording or format of the memo. But there could be, say Israeli sources, an implementation of "certain elements" of the memo.

The memo envisaged positioning of American military, logistic and medical equipment in Israel; the use of Israeli ports and airfields in times of emergency; and strategic consultations.

Regarding the chances of U.S. retaliation for the Beirut bombings, Israeli analysts tend to feel it is too late. They believe that Washington did consider striking back immediately after the disaster. But it was not — and indeed still is not — clear who was responsible for the outrage.

Sources here revealed yesterday that France would definitely have acted militarily against the Beirut assailants had it known for sure who they were. The French government indicated unequivocally to Israel that it would act if it could positively identify the perpetrators.

RELIGIOUS BLOC

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- The city will allot resources for informal religious education, culture, youth and sports in accordance with the size of Tel Aviv's religious communities.
- The Religious Front agreed to have the Israeli flag hoisted on Independence Day on all educational institutions, including Agudat Yisrael's.
- The Religious Front will continue to hold the Education, Veterinary and Religious Services portfolios. The properties' portfolio, which had been held by the Front, was transferred to the Alignment faction.

Religious Front Leader Haim

JEMAYEL

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In advance of the opening session, National Salvation Front members Frangieh, Jumblatt and former Moslem prime minister Rashid Karamah, along with Shiite militia chief Nabih Berri met at a private home outside Geneva with Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel-Halim Khaddam to map strategy.

Sources in both the pro-government and opposition camps said Khaddam was pressing the Lebanese to renounce the May 17th Israeli-Lebanese troop withdrawal pact.

Basok (NRP) and Agudat Yisrael MK Avraham Shapira, who participated in the negotiations, expressed satisfaction with the agreement. Both Lahat and Ben-Meir also said they were more than pleased.

Ben-Meir yesterday asked Lahat to include the Independent Liberals, who got two council mandates in the elections, in the coalition. Mapam convened yesterday to decide on whether to remain in the coalition or to withdraw. By evening it had not decided yet.

- The city will examine the possibility of allotting an additional beach for religious people.

ARENS

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planners, and that it was to deter the Syrian army that the IDF was now increasing its strength.

Menachem Horowitz adds: Deputy Prime Minister David Levy last night warned the Syrians that if they should venture to violate Israel's security, they will have to pay a "heavy price."

Speaking to a gathering of Likud supporters in Kiryat Shmona, Levy said: "We have no desire for a war or any sort of heating up in the situation. What we want is a sovereign Lebanon, in accordance with Israel's security needs."

"It's certainly not permissible to let a war develop, but it's also out of the question to let Syria threaten our security and then come to the conclusion that it's worthwhile," he said.

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Argentina's new hope

THE GREAT VICTORY achieved by Mr. Raul Alfonsín's Radical Party in the Argentine elections has come as something of a surprise, though not an unwelcome one.

The election-eve opinion polls predicted parity, with a slight edge to Mr. Italo Luder and the Peronists. The pundits expected neither man to win an outright majority in the electoral college, and predicted a lengthy period of coalition haggling.

The Radicals' impressive success is in no small measure the personal triumph of Mr. Alfonsín. His personality seemed to grow during the campaign to charismatic proportions.

Mr. Alfonsín was able, moreover, to substantially broaden the Radical Party's appeal and its popular base. From being a right-centrist party supported mainly by the middle classes, it has moved leftwards under Mr. Alfonsín, emphasizing too its nationalistic ardour, and attracting — as yesterday's results demonstrated — a large following among the working class.

A Radical-led government, the first democratically elected government to rule Argentina for a decade, represents a truly dramatic break with the past. The Peronists, after all, under the late leader's widow Isabella, ran the country into the crisis which produced the military dictatorship — and which the succession of juntas succeeded only in exacerbating.

The fact, however, that Mr. Alfonsín means more of a metamorphosis for Argentina than would his Peronist opponent does not necessarily signify that he will have a better prospect of success.

Democracy will be a delicate bloom in Argentina for some considerable time to come, while Mr. Alfonsín and his colleagues wrestle with the country's awesome problems. They will be insecure in the knowledge that powerful forces are actively hoping for their discomfiture.

Two of the most powerful forces in the state, the army and the trade unions, will inevitably view the incoming president with reservations. Mr. Alfonsín is committed to send the military back to their barracks and drastically pare their budgets. And as for the union bosses, they have traditionally identified with the Peronists — as they did in these elections.

The army's unpopularity, engendered by its dictatorship and compounded by its ill-advised launching and incompetent handling of the Malvinas war, will compel it to maintain a low profile as the civilians now embark upon the reconstruction of the nation.

But Mr. Alfonsín will need the unions' help, or at least their acquiescence, in tackling the economic morass. He will find it ideologically difficult to adopt the drastic remedies prescribed by the International Monetary Fund. Noncooperation by the unions would make it impossible, and could quickly plunge the country into renewed chaos.

The rampant nationalism and nonaligned zeal which pervades the Radicals' rhetoric will doubtless strike jarring chords in Washington. Nevertheless, the United States is called upon to recognize the historic opportunity presented by Argentina's effort to haul itself out of the slough of dictatorship and rejoin the family of democratic nations. This political recognition should have tangible expression that could help Mr. Alfonsín fulfil his pre-election pledge: "We are not considering a unilateral moratorium (on Argentina's \$40 billion foreign debt). We will pay if we can. And we want to pay."

An immediate test which Mr. Alfonsín will face once his government is constituted, and which will be monitored closely by American and world opinion, will be his determination to try and punish those responsible for the disappearance and murder of thousands during the years of the "dirty war."

He is committed to abrogating the amnesty law by which the junta sought to cover the sins of its confederates. He must expose the entire truth, not only arraigning the guilty but insisting on the disclosure of all the information that can be garnered on the terrible fates of the victims.

In Israel and in enlightened opinion abroad the new president and administration of Argentina will be expected, too, to make good on Mr. Alfonsín's own unequivocal denunciations of anti-Semitism. This evil which still riddles Argentine society has surfaced more prominently of late, perhaps fomented by forces seeking to exploit the general political tensions.

No real return to democracy can be complete while this utter antithesis to democracy is permitted to flourish.

POSTSCRIPTS

BRITAIN'S Home Secretary Leon Brittan was taught the Portion of the Law for his *bar-mitzva* by a cantor who has retired and settled in Netanya. Rev. Peter Faigenblum.

Formerly incumbent at Cricklewood Synagogue in North-West London, Faigenblum recalls that the Brittan lived in Anson Road nearby. Leon's father was a doctor, his brother Samuel is an economist, and his mother was active in the Ladies' Guild at the synagogue.

Leon Brittan studied at Kilburn Grammar School, the *alma mater* of one of *The Post's* staff-members — who happens to be a relative by marriage of Brittan's one-time religious teacher.

What does Rev. Faigenblum think of the pupil who has achieved membership in Margaret Thatcher's cabinet? "He was scrupulously honest. If he made a mistake, he did not wait to be corrected, he drew attention to it."

He was also rather bright. The cantor was sure that young Brittan would go places.

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FINANCE MINISTER Yigael Cohen-Orlitz described the first day of renewed trading in bank shares as "beyond our rosiest dreams." If he isn't colour blind, by now he should be seeing red.

The desire of the public to get rid of their bank shares has in no way diminished. If this situation continues, the Treasury will be forced to take further drastic steps, for instance additional local devaluation, which will even further decrease the value of these shares, or the Treasury will simply have to allow the shares to find their own place in the market. In either case, the holders of the shares will suffer serious loss in the short run. The one advantage of an additional devaluation is that the current run on foreign currency will be less worthwhile.

Observers see the present attempts to get rid of bank shares as something that is not just panic but actually reflecting economic factors. The cost of foreign currency loans to Israeli firms, they explain, is higher than the return on bank shares.

For this reason the banks are advising clients to sell bank shares. Obviously an additional drop in bank shares is necessary in order to equalize the rate of interest. It appears that the government is deterred from taking this step because such a move might mean the con-

AFTER YEARS of being spooned pabulum — in the form of pre-digested resolutions and prepared agendas — by the heads of the Jewish Agency, Diaspora fund-raisers have begun finally to spit it up.

For the first time since the Agency was reorganized 13 years ago, the Diaspora Jews who supply it with hundreds of millions of dollars a year have decided to unseat the weapon handed to them in a show of "Israeli-Diaspora partnership." Exercising their veto power over candidates for chairman of departments, the Agency board of governors last week ousted 67-year-old Raphael Kotlowitz, for six years chairman of the Aliya Department. Never before had an incumbent been dismissed in mid-term.

This followed the "I-told-you-so" nods among board members as they watched Yoram Aridor resign in failure this month from the Finance Ministry. In 1978, using their veto for the first time, they turned thumbs down on Aridor for the vacant post of Agency treasurer.

Concerned about growing assertiveness by the Diaspora half of the board, the Israeli politicians forming the other half obviously felt they have created a Frankenstein monster.

IT IS difficult to find anyone willing to defend Kotlowitz; even the Israeli "Zionists," comprising 31 members of the board, rejected him in large numbers. The only person to defend the ousted Aliya chairman was former premier Menachem Begin, who boycotted last June's closing Agency assembly session to show his displeasure over threats to dump his Herut loyalist from the Aliya Department.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir was not so supportive. When he met Kotlowitz shortly after his ouster, he chided him for turning to the Tel Aviv District Court for an injunction to save his job. He demonstratively agreed also to brief the board of governors on foreign affairs just 24 hours after they had dumped Kotlowitz.

What was Kotlowitz's "terrible sin" for which he was punished in the unprecedented way? Some of his underlings claim that the

CAUSE FOR CONCERN

By YITZHAK TAUB

Continuation of the crisis of confidence. The banks are angered by anyone who tries through the media to present to the public an apocalyptic view of a continued deterioration in the economic or governmental situation.

Despite this, in view of the record up to now, it is easy to see that stability is a long way off. Some sales of bank shares can be explained by the fact that the public, and especially small investors, do not believe that the government and the banks will be able to stand behind their promises and redeem the shares when they reach maturity. This may not be logical but it is what is happening.

If one adds to this the fact that the public are also breaking their contracts with the banks concerning their foreign currency (Patam) accounts, it is clear that the public does not believe that the banks and

the government will fulfil the terms of these contracts within the next few months. They don't want interest and they don't want promises. What they want is greenbacks in their hands.

One of the few things that Ya'acov Meridor was right about was his saying that it was necessary to allow the Israeli public to "hold greens." If this pressure continues, the government will not be able to stand up to it and will be forced to limit trading in foreign currency. It may even have to stop supporting the bank shares, since it is impossible to finance the Israeli demand for foreign currency.

THE GOVERNMENT is in a trap. If the government lets the price of the bank shares drop further, more people will become concerned and will turn away from them; if the government maintains the current

Fund-raisers fight back

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Americans on the board were upset by his bringing American Jewish students to Israel for a programme that included army training and volunteer work in Israel Defence Forces emergency stores.

But this claim is dismissed by members of the board, who argue that Kotlowitz was "incompetent" and "unfit" since he entered the Aliya Department. He packed his financially powerful and influential department with a large number of Herut activists — including his sister in a unit established especially for her. It seemed to the board that these employees were selected merely for their party loyalty, and not for their competence. Uri Gordon, the Labour Party man who founded TELEM (the movement for Zionist fulfilment) that over 1,000 young American Jews with a personal commitment to aliya joined, charges that Kotlowitz prevented all monetary help to the movement because it was the creation of a Labour man.

Kotlowitz did not make a good impression on Diaspora Jews when he spoke abroad on his numerous working trips, claim the Diaspora fund-raisers, and he was unable to communicate with Jews abroad.

THE OUSTED department chairman persistently refused to speak to the press, and maintained that the media had turned the fund-raisers against him. After his dismissal, he said that the "non-Zionist" fund-raisers had no right to impose their decisions about personnel on such "Zionist" posts as the chairmanship of the Aliya Department.

Kotlowitz claimed also that the Diaspora fund-raisers were out to "get" Herut. In fact, the board of

fered the aliya chairmanship last summer to the Herut hawk, Mattityahu Drobless, the co-chairman of the Settlement Department. But Drobless — busy building settlements in Judea and Samaria — declined.

I believe that the board members from the Diaspora were sincerely motivated to oust Kotlowitz by their desire for an effective and efficient Jewish Agency. Most of them are highly successful industrialists and businessmen. Michael Sacher, Charles Bronfman, Nessim Gaon and Sylvia Hassenfeld are only a few of them. The immediate past chairman of the board, the Detroit industrialist and influential Republican Max Fisher, demanded appointments be made according to the yardstick of competence, although he did so in an easy-going way that did not alarm the Israeli heads of the Agency.

The rise to the chairmanship of the Baltimore businessman, Jerrold Hoffberger, one-time owner of the Baltimore Orioles baseball team, was the determining factor. An outrageous dresser (he wore blood-red trousers to the board meeting that dismissed Kotlowitz), Hoffberger is a tough, determined man.

It could once have been maintained that Diaspora fund-raisers were "against aliya" and "non-Zionist." However there is no disagreement today on that subject between them and the so-called "Zionists" active in Herut, and the Labour Zionists, Mizrahi or other Zionist parties abroad. The "Zionists" preach aliya, but few of the leaders — their jobs funded by the World Zionist Organization — move to Israel. The "non-Zionists" don't come on aliya either, except for a few individual cases, but at

price, it is possible that the end of this is a long way off, and financing this matter is seriously hurting the economy. More than IS20 billion have been spent up to now. It could happen that the lack of confidence will be justified, and that those who keep their foreign currency under a floor tile will be proved right while the others will lose.

Those who got their education from American westerners certainly know what a stampede is, and a stampede is one of the possibilities where the sale of bank shares and of other shares and the breaking of Patam accounts are concerned.

The government's attempts to calm the public and the promises of the banks will both come to naught the minute the public decides that the government does not have enough money, or will not print enough, to redeem the entire stock at present value. The sophisticated already understand that it is not possible to supply the economy with four to five billion dollars in cash.

I have heard bankers saying that now is not the time for criticism, and that one should help build confidence, because otherwise an effective banking system will not remain, since trust and banks are synonymous. It is said that during the negotiations between the Knesset Finance Committee and the banks, the banks asked the government to draft emergency regulations that

would prevent the banks from being sued for having been negligent in giving advice. Not even the pro-bank, inter-party lobby was willing to swallow that.

In my opinion, it is important to warn the public of the dangers that may be expected. Whoever is sure that the small investor is facing financial catastrophe is obligated to say so. Certainly it is prohibited to tell him that if he will just hold on, everything will be all right. Who can promise that the big fish and the ones who sit near the table will not once again get out with their money in hand at the expense of the small investor, as apparently happened this time in some of the banks.

The next two weeks will decide the matter of public confidence in the financial system and in the government. If the public should decide to throw caution to the winds and to abandon conventional financial assets, old and new alike, in favour of assets that appear more solid to them, then another tremendous shock is to be expected.

Whoever tells people today that this will not happen tomorrow is dealing in public relations and not in the protection of the small investor.

Apocalypse now is a distinct possibility.

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least they are not guilty of pseudo Zionism.

MOST OF the non-Zionists are not interested personally in aliya, but they have come around to the idea that those who want to settle here should be helped, and that Jewish education must be reinforced or Diaspora Jewry will disappear. They are disgusted also by the political framework of the Jewish Agency that allows the recruitment of unsuitable officials on the grounds of their party affiliation.

Departments have been established — at the cost of millions — to accommodate politicians whose parties must be paid off for joining the Zionist Executive coalition. The seventy-year-old Agency chairman, Arye Dulzin, has little control over his Executive colleagues, since they were chosen by their respective parties.

When Dulzin, who belongs to the Liberal Party, was Agency treasurer, and Yosef Almog, a Labour man, was chairman, there were frequent fireworks. Dulzin, an eye on the top job, behaved almost as though he were in the Opposition. But today, Dulzin is coasting along towards his retirement three or four years from now. In the meantime, everybody — including Alignment politicians at the Agency — is quiet and passive. Dulzin allows them what they want — non-interference in their department affairs, and trips abroad.

Media pressures focus on department chairmen's wastefulness. Dulzin has therefore introduced a rule that no chairman can remain abroad for more than three weeks at a time. But when a chairman violates this rule, Dulzin hardly gives them a slap on the hand. The most frequent traveller, Avraham Katz, a fellow Liberal and head of the Youth and Hehalutz Department, was away for over a month, and took some sidetraps. He was abroad 75 days last year and 105 in 1981.

Chairmen, who are given the same fringe benefits and pensions as cabinet ministers, are encouraged to go abroad because of their generous expense accounts of \$100 a day. They receive it even if they

stay with relatives, or with local Jewish dignitaries, during their tours, and have no outlay.

THE AGENCY owns a fleet of over 200 vehicles, and every department chairman or director-general rides around in a chauffeur-driven car. Recently, top officials have refused to drive in French, Italian or Japanese cars, and insist on a luxury American car. Or else they settle for the less prestigious Volvo. Various Agency budget cuts have not cramped the department chairmen's style.

The Kotlowitz ouster could be the first step of the Diaspora fund-raisers in de-politicizing the Jewish Agency. With their new-found strength, they could insist — at the threat of cutting off Agency funds — that the political structure of the Agency be replaced with a new system of professional leadership.

Chairmen of departments would not be selected on a party basis. Rather, they would be chosen by public tender solely on the basis of their competence. Two names, among others, I could mention for the Aliya directorship would be Jay Shapiro and Eliezer Kroll. They are both American-born, and have served successfully as aliya emissaries in the U.S. several times. Shapiro, who is not a politician, works now in the Israel Aircraft Industries. Kroll, a long-time director of the Mevasseret Zion Absorption Centre, is now aliya emissary in Philadelphia. They each know the aliya framework from both sides of the ocean.

The Diaspora members of the board of directors have in the past felt diffident about imposing their will on the Agency, since they do not live here, are not well-acquainted with the Byzantine nature of Israeli politics, and are confounded by the persuasive tactics of the Israelis.

The Kotlowitz ouster has demonstrated that they are no longer at the stage of an infant. Now is the time to take a giant step ahead.

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READERS' LETTERS

SHORTAGE OF ENGINEERS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — The interview with the chairman of the board of Elscint, Avraham Suhami ("Elscint's future 'not in Israel,'" October 20) culminating in the statement, "both the shortage of engineers, and the high cost of those available, make bringing more science-based industries to Israel a farce," is so shocking that it should not be left without a rebuttal.

If it were really true that the salaries of engineers abroad are so much lower than those in Israel, it should be easy to lure those poor engineers from abroad to the affluent life in Israel. Indeed, if the engineers are so highly paid in Israel, Israel ought to become the world centre of science-based in-

dustries. However, for some strange reason, Suhami does not mention any efforts to get engineers from abroad, but only complains about his unsuccessful "wanted" advertisements in Israel.

The truth of the matter is that the high salaries mentioned by Suhami are enjoyed only by very few top engineers of Elscint. I happen to know that the vast majority of Elscint engineers get rather low salaries, not only lower than the salary of the English engineer mentioned by Suhami, but also below the average engineer's salary in Tel Aviv. This is probably the main reason for Suhami's difficulty in recruiting Israeli engineers.

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CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — In his speech to the UN General Assembly, Israel Ambassador Yehuda Blum called on the Arabs to desist from war and devote their resources to eliminating poverty and the social gap in their own countries. All nice and true.

But one wonders why Mr. Blum did not address these same words to the Israeli government, which embarked on a superfluous war in Lebanon, which was described as a war of choice, and continues to keep IDF soldiers in Lebanon to no purpose at a cost of about \$1m. a

day. The Israeli government is also vigorously pursuing its settlement policy, which is costing a fortune and will undoubtedly cause new wars, at the cost of even more money and blood.

Why then does Mr. Blum not appeal to the Israeli government to desist from war and settlements and devote the money to the eradication of poverty in Israeli society? Let Mr. Blum remove the beam from his eye before complaining about the Arab countries.

TEL AVIV, DALIA BECKER

YAVNE PROJECT

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — It was recently brought to my attention that you printed a story in Mark Segal's "Public Faces" of September 24, in which I am referred to as a "tycoon" from Miami, Florida. Firstly, I am not a tycoon, and secondly, I do not live in Miami.

And most important of all, I did not offer to send Mr. Meir Shitrit one and one-half million dollars! I wrote to him asking information on

the cultural centre project in Yavne with the expectation that I could induce one or more of the wealthy residents of my community to sponsor the project and thereby have his name enshrined in Israel forever.

Box 140, Raton, Florida. SAMUEL BLAIR

Mark Segal comments: Apologies to Mr. Blair. There must have been a misunderstanding on either Mr. Shitrit's part or mine.

ISRASAT

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — In your article of October 11, "Me'eman: Israel astronaut may fly in U.S. space shuttle," you describe the possibility of building an Israeli communications satellite. I believe that I was the first person to publicly propose this possibility in a talk entitled, "ISRASAT — an Israeli built communications satellite?," at a one-day seminar organized by the Communications Ministry in the spring of 1982.

I believe that this project should be publicly discussed and debated in organized seminars by engineers, scientists and government officials. An open discussion would draw as participants the many Israelis (including many immigrants) who have worked in the space and communications fields. Their expertise could be used to determine the validity and directions of such a project.

I therefore propose that, if ISRASAT is really a serious possibility, the Ministry of Science and Development should organize the appropriate seminars and meetings in an effort to utilize the talent and expertise which exist in Israel today.

IRVING KALET
Haifa.

A GIANT OF JUDAISM

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — Bravo to you for printing Hanoch Teller's most moving article on the Hafez Chaim ("Jewish folk hero" — October 13). It was a pleasure to finally read an article on genuine Jewish content in your otherwise overly secular and sometimes anti-religious newspaper.

Special thanks and credit to Mr. Teller for so beautifully describing one of Judaism's giants.

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